

## Albanians block food supplies

## West's dilemma over future of 6,000 refugees

FROM RICHARD BASSETT AND DESSA TREVISAN IN BELGRADE

THE FATE of Albania's communist government was hanging on the thousands of would-be refugees crowded into Western embassy compounds in Tirana last night as a stand-off with the West over their future reached deadlock.

Short of food and surviving in miserable conditions, the refugees can neither get to the West nor face remaining where they are for long. They are estimated to number between 6,000 and 7,000, about 3,000 of whom are in the West German embassy compound.

The Tirana regime is refusing to allow Western food to be flown in and is permitting only those with invitations from abroad to leave the country. Since most are illiterate peasants few have any such hope.

The regime's dilemma is that any leniency could further undermine its authority and produce a fresh flood of potential escapees.

For its part, the West is unwilling to accept more refugees following the flood of East Germans, Romanians and ethnic Germans from the East Block, who are already straining tolerance.

New reports emerged meanwhile of diplomatic initiatives to resolve the problem. The Albanian foreign ministry yesterday granted UN representatives access to the refugees. Mr Stefanac de Mistra, a Swede who has

worked in the Sudan and Afghanistan for the United Nations, flew yesterday into Tirana as personal envoy of Javier Pérez de Cuellar, the UN secretary-general.

In Tirana, Karoly Loincek, the Hungarian consul, said that all refugees would be given a passport and that the authorities had invited diplomats to oversee the applications for travel documents.

Mr Loincek said 40 of the Albanians sheltering in the Hungarian embassy are seeking asylum in Hungary, while others want to go to the United States.

So far, no foreign embassy in Tirana has said whether visas will be granted to any of the refugees, even after they have been granted passports.

Unlike the East Germans, who last year shipped their refugees on trains to West Germany, Albania has no road or rail structure to enable the smooth exodus of 6,000 people. It has only one international rail link (with Yugoslavia) and that can only be used for transporting goods.

In the event of the first 6,000 refugees being able to leave, many others would follow their path to the embassies. In an attempt to avoid this, the Albanian parliament passed at the weekend a decree guaranteeing passports for all Albanians leaving the embassies and complete immunity from prosecution.

These assurances will probably not be acceptable. After more than four decades of slumber, the Albanian people are eager to escape. Cosmetic reforms are unlikely to appease them. All the concessions made by President Ramiz Alia in the past few days will be interpreted by the population as a sign of weakness.

Changes in the ministry of the interior have demonstrated that the once-dreaded Sigurime secret police have been shaken. As events in Eastern Europe last year showed, once fear disappears, regimes once thought impregnable.

In an attempt to defuse public discontent at the weekend, the communist leadership appointed a new interior minister and dismissed three hardliners. Hekuran Isai, the new minister of the interior, replaces Simon Stefani who was widely regarded as a hardliner. But Mr Isai, who held the post of interior minister until 1989, is unlikely to inspire confidence.

Conditions in the Western embassies where the refugees are sheltering were described yesterday by Western diplomats as "catastrophic". Reports last night indicated that the embassy compounds had

again been sealed off by police.

Most of the Western embassies are in a leafy suburb of Tirana about half a mile from the city centre. Large parks near by were reported to be crowded with refugees waiting to enter the embassies. Many had come from distant parts, suggesting that the usually strict police control of roads linking the capital and other parts of the country had been relaxed.

As well as the new minister of the interior, Mr Alia appointed Kico Mustaqi as defence minister. Mr Mustaqi, a confidant of Mr Alia's, is a career officer in the Sigurime. Born into a Greek minority family on the Adriatic coast, he is a key figure in the Sigurime. He replaces Prokup Murra, a non-military figure who has played little role in military matters. Mr Mustaqi was appointed by Albania's late leader, Enva Hoxha, as chief of staff in the army in 1982, when the army was loyal to Mehmet Shehu whom Mr Hoxha liquidated that year. Mr Mustaqi swiftly brought the army under Sigurime control, purging all Shehu elements.

Among the three politburo members dismissed was Lenka Chuka, the central committee secretary. The other two who were "retired", in the language of the official protocol, were Manish Myftiu and Rita Marko. In an attempt to appease the population with the lowest living standards in Europe, Mr Alia also announced the opening up of a small private sector.

Mr Alia said he hoped "craftsmanship and services" would be improved. There would be more cobblers, more saddlers, more watchmakers, more almond and nut sellers and more confectioners, the plenum resolution said.

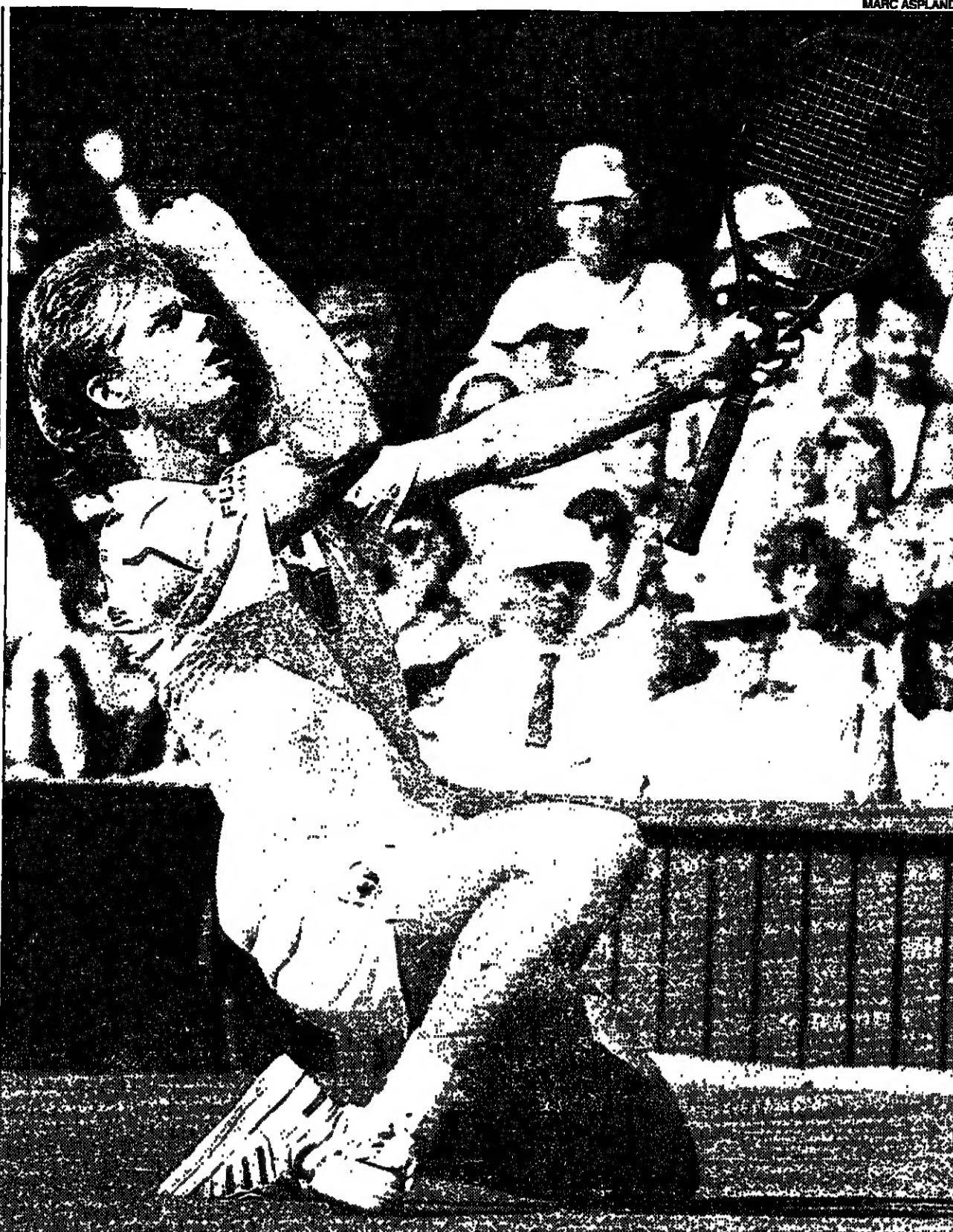
In addition, the plenum decided to increase wages by 20 per cent for the lowest paid workers in the country whose number is estimated at a quarter of a million.

Despite a commitment towards limited reform, Mr Alia is still struggling with diehard elements loyal to the ideals of Hoxha, the founder of modern Albania. Chief among these is Hoxha's widow Nexhmije. But Mr Alia, himself, as Hoxha's protégé is also seen as too close to the old order to be capable of serious change.

A new generation of technocrats, many of whom have studied abroad, is impatient to transform their country into a modern nation.

With the population now aroused, the chances of an orderly process of slow change from above are receding.

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Stefan Edberg savouring the moment he wrestled control of the men's singles from Boris Becker, the defending champion, at Wimbledon yesterday. The Swedish player, who was seeded number three, won the title for the second time after a pulsating five-set match which lasted nearly three hours. Match reports, pages 38, 32

## Thatcher to bridge Houston gap

FROM ROBIN OAKLEY IN HOUSTON, TEXAS

WITH the Houston economic summit of the world's seven richest nations heading for deadlock over agricultural subsidies, Margaret Thatcher is trying to bridge the gap between President Bush and the European Community.

As the keenest advocate of an outward-looking, free-trading EC, the prime minister is prepared to urge the other European leaders at the summit - President Mitterrand of France, Giulio Andreotti, the Italian prime minister, Hel-

mut Kohl, the West German Chancellor, and Jacques Delors, the European Commission president who is attending as an observer - to move some way to meet US demands for a sharp cutback in export subsidies.

Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, said in Houston yesterday that the consequences of failure to settle the agricultural support issue this year could be serious.

The Americans are saying that the crucial Uruguay Round of General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) talks, which are to end in

December, could founder if there is no agreement to scale down farm support. The background fear of those at the summit is that a failure to liberalise world trade in the Uruguay Round could lead to protectionist trade wars, hitting world living standards.

The Organisation of Economic Co-operation and Development meeting last May, at which the Americans pressed hard for agricultural export subsidy cuts, ended in a sharp disagreement between Carla Hills, the US trade negotiator, and EC officials.

Raymond MacSharry, the

Irish European agriculture commissioner, said that the Americans were living in cloud-cuckoo-land if they thought the Community would phase out agricultural subsidies at the cost of some three million farmers' livelihoods. The EC has been delaying taking action by saying that export subsidies, government aid to farmers and import barriers should all be considered together.

John Major, the Chancellor

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## 23 injured as coach overturns

AN INVESTIGATION was under way in France last night into the second coach crash in just over a month involving British holiday-makers.

Twenty three people were injured when a double-decker coach carrying 69 people from Scotland and the North-West overturned into a field after swerving off a motorway near Mâcon in central France early yesterday morning. So far no reason for the accident has been found.

The coach was bound for the Costa Brava in Spain during one of France's busiest holiday weekends.

On June 3 a dozen British tourists were killed and 18 injured seriously when a double-decker coach overturned at Joigny, south of Paris.

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## Scargill vows to stay as president

BY TIM JONES, EMPLOYMENT CORRESPONDENT

A DEFIANT Arthur Scargill, facing the toughest period of his presidency, will make clear to his divided National Union of Mineworkers today that he has no intention of resigning.

More worrying for his members, Mr Scargill will insist on retaining his position as president of the secretive International Miners Organisation, despite criticism in the report by Mr Gavin Lightman, QC, that the organisation, which is based in Paris, gained advantage at the union's expense because Mr Scargill failed to recognise that his overriding duties were to the NUM.

Mr Lightman's report into the way Mr Scargill conducted affairs may not be discussed in detail at the NUM conference, which starts today. Most delegates have not seen a copy of the report and it is likely they

will reserve a thorough cross-examination of their president for a special conference.

Yesterday, Mr Scargill described as "barmy" the suggestion that his union should sue the IMO, which he helped to set up, over the whereabouts of Soviet and other money.

Mr Lightman, who condemned Mr Scargill and Peter Heathfield, the union's general secretary, for obtaining house purchase loans from the IMO, said that the union executive should consider whether Mr Scargill should retain his post with the international organisation.

Mr Scargill said he had been cleared by the three-month inquiry of using Libyan or other money for personal gain, or of misappropriating funds.

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## Major to take tough line on inflation

THE Chancellor of the Exchequer is to take a tough line with spending departments and on inflation.

John Major is to tell the cabinet that apart from the amount to be set aside to provide relief from the effects of the community charge, there can be no increases in public spending unless they are matched by savings elsewhere.

Mr Major will keep the lid on public spending to leave

scope for pre-election tax cuts. At the economic summit in Houston yesterday, he indicated that he will keep interest rates high even in the run-up to the next election if that is needed to beat inflation.

However, his contemplation of a longer period of high interest rates than previously expected suggests that there will be no snap election next spring.

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## Canterbury candidate bowls the synod a yorker

BY CLIFFORD LONGLEY, RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS EDITOR

DR JOHN Habgood, an Archbishop of York who may yet progress to Canterbury, told the General Synod yesterday not to "fuss and waste time" and suggested that they got all sorts of things wrong.

Addressing 500 members of the synod assembled for a special service in York Minster, Dr Habgood said: "It is our task to debate, define, devise, instruct, exhort. Yet in the very act of doing so we constantly distort the inner reality of the journey of faith."

They had to take seriously the "synodical idea" and the notion of rulers of the church meeting for discussion dated from biblical times. But "sometimes we give the impression of deliberately shooting ourselves in the foot", he declared.

The inner reality of the synod may be not quite what it seems, however, and a candidate for Canterbury who attacks it for "pushing against doors which are not ready to open" and for being fussy and time-wasting, may be scoring points with a wider audience in the Church of England, where impatience with the synod is rife. If anyone were shooting themselves in the foot, it may not have been Dr Habgood.

He acknowledged this anti-synod mood yesterday, saying: "Moans about how the synod actually behaves missed the point unless the importance of the synodical idea is first grasped and held on to." Dr Habgood warned the synod's assembled ranks that there was a danger in their numbers. "Large numbers tend to increase self-consciousness. A large group, especially a group set up specifically to talk, may try to say many things which are perhaps better left unsaid."

"Define and divide, set up a committee, issue an instruction, elaborate your safeguards, tell us precisely where you stand - no doubt it is all very proper, but it represents a growth in self-consciousness against which we have to be on our guard. It may even subtly distort the perspective of the Bible where most of the key concepts are never defined at all."

Dr Robert Runcie, Archbishop of Canterbury, told the synod that Christian leaders must be ready to act against new European nationalisms. "As we see the demise of the marxist empire, we also see the spectre of fresh and rival European nationalisms which have been the ultimate cause of two global wars. Christian leaders must learn to speak and act together on a wider level than the nation state," he said.

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## Europe soccer hope for English teams

By RAY CLANCY

AS WEST Germany beat Argentina 1-0 to win the World Cup last night, speculation grew that some English teams could be readmitted to European football at a meeting of the governing body tomorrow. The English squad returned to a heroes' welcome in Luton yesterday.

Colin Moynihan, the sports minister, is expected to recommend a limited return of English clubs to European football after a five-year absence at a meeting of the Union of European Football Associations in Geneva. At the Wimbledon men's final yesterday, he refused to reveal details of the report: "I'm still working on it," he said.

Amid euphoric scenes, 70,000 supporters greeted the England players at Luton airport. Police estimated that another 150,000 people lined the 25-mile route round the Bedfordshire town to give the team a welcome fit for winners. Roads were blocked, fences collapsed and the team bus had to abandon a tour of honour round the airport because of the crush.

Three supporters fell to the ground when their makeshift ladder collapsed, but they were not injured. Two teenage girls were treated for minor injuries after fainting in the heat.

They were greeted by John Goldsmith, mayor of Luton, and the 12-piece Britannia Airways band played Rule Britannia and Land of Hope and Glory. A sea of T-shirts emblazoned with the message "Heroes every one. England pride restored. Italy 1990" greeted the team and the cross of St George blew proudly in the breeze as the bus set off. The players were showered with hats, scarves, flags and teddy bears and they threw flowers to the crowd.

The decision to direct the bus out of a side road at the rear of the main terminal building left several hundred supporters disappointed.

The players were praised the behaviour of the English supporters in Italy. Guido Tognoni, Fifa's spokesman in Italy, said the supporters were judged to have behaved well and readmission to European football was a possibility, although it was likely to be a slow process.

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## Register for maintenance

A register for use by single parents pursuing those required to pay maintenance for children and with the power to trace people through national insurance numbers is among Conservative policies towards the family in the run-up to the general election.

It would be controlled by a proposed child protection agency, which would remove maintenance from the courts and settle payments by a simple formula. Page 22

## Press change

Mr Louis Blom-Cooper QC, chairman of the Press Council, has written to the council's 36 members to rule himself out as a candidate to head the proposed Press Complaints Commission. Page 3

## End of the boom

LONDON'S big boom is over and its importance will slump sharply in the 1990s, the commercial forecasters, the Henley Centre, say. Page 6

## Moi challenge

Skirmishes between demonstrators and riot police continued in Nairobi after pro-democracy disturbances gave President Moi of Kenya his most serious challenge. Page 7

## Kuwaiti key

A visit to Kuwait today by Dr Ali Akbar Velayati, Iranian foreign minister, has boosted hopes that the key to the release of Westerners held in Beirut may be turned with the release of Islamic extremists jailed by Kuwait. Page 9

## Conran hits back

Sir Terence Conran has hit back at reports that his Butlers' Wharf development near Tower Bridge has financial problems by claiming a recent valuation of the project's worth at £138 million. Page 23

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Habgood: "By debating and defining we distort the faith"



# Miners are outraged at leaders' £160,000 from 'sham' trust



Heathfield: "Misled his union over house repair"

By TIM JONES  
EMPLOYMENT CORRESPONDENT

ARTHUR Scargill and Peter Heathfield, senior officers of the National Union of Mineworkers, face growing resentment by rank-and-file members over secret loans used to buy their houses.

Many miners are ready to excuse the secret accounts, unauthorised financial dealings, sham trusts and distrust of colleagues outlined in the report by Gavin Lightman, QC, on the grounds that during a fight for survival "all is fair in love and war".

But as details of the damning report become more widely known miners are outraged that Mr Scargill, the president, and Mr Heathfield, the general secretary,

obtained £100,000 and £60,000 respectively from a "sham" trust fund which included in it roubles sent by Soviet miners to help their British counterparts during the 1984-85 conflict.

The money was used by Mr Scargill to buy his luxury home, Trelands Cottage, in Hound Hill, near Barnsley, south Yorkshire, and by Mr Heathfield to buy a new house in Main Street, North Aston.

The loans were made by the "impenetrable" communist-backed Paris-based International Miners Organisation, of which Mr Scargill is president and Mr Heathfield has been a committee chairman, through the operation of a fund set up in Dublin. According to the report, Mr Scargill said that after discussions with Alain Si-

mon, general secretary of the organisation, it was decided that the Dublin fund, the Miners International Research, Education, Defence and Support Fund, should be used to benefit miners internationally and should not be regarded as a trust exclusively for the NUM.

Mr Lightman says in his report: "These loans disturb me considerably. First the loans were made out of an account which either totally or substantially belonged to the NUM, since it comprises only NUM money and the donations from the miners of at least the USSR, the German Democratic Republic and Hungary."

"Secondly no notice was given to and no consent sought from the NUM in respect of these loans. Mr Scargill's attitude is that they were

nothing to do with the NUM. I do not agree. It is to be borne in mind that Mr Scargill is full-time president of the NUM as well as president of the IMO. It must be quite wrong that he or Mr Heathfield should receive any benefit out of funds in which the NUM were interested without the consent of the NUM in any event."

He said it was clear that at least £1 million was raised by Soviet miners to support the NUM and that this money, paid into the defence and support fund account, had been used as an accretion to the assets of the IMO. Mr Scargill received £50,000 of the IMO loan at 12 per cent, with 2.5 per cent interest on the other £50,000. This money has been paid back to the IMO, not to the defence and

support fund trust. Some union members are even more angry that at the height of the dispute, when they were suffering severe financial hardship, Mr Heathfield got the union to pay £13,511 on the grounds that urgent repairs were needed to his former home in Chesterfield.

Builders who in 1984 valued the house, which was provided to Mr Heathfield free of charge, said that a brick-built garage had tilted to one side and needed considerable repair or rebuilding. Mr Lightman said: "I regretfully find that Mr Heathfield has misled the union as to the character of the works to be carried out to his house. In fact they were very substantial improvements."

Mr Heathfield maintains how-

ever that because of his loss of salary during the dispute and the terms on which the NUM bought his house, the union has no financial claim against him.

Gordon Butler, general secretary of the Derbyshire miners, said: "We are pretty angry to hear about these deals. Ordinary NUM members have to go to building societies. We shall certainly be taking this further."

Mr Lightman says in his report that in his view Mr Scargill has failed to recognise or to implement his overriding duties to the NUM and has allowed his role in and duties to the IMO to result in substantial advantages being obtained by the IMO at the expense of the NUM. His report adds: "In my view, it was a breach of duty."

## Coach crash in France injures 23 Britons

By STAFF REPORTERS

FRENCH police were last night investigating the second coach crash involving British holidaymakers in recent weeks after a double-deck coach carrying 69 people from Scotland and the North-west swerved off a motorway in central France and overturned in a field. Four of the 23 injured were kept in hospital including one man reported to have serious injuries.

The coach, bound for the Costa Brava in Spain, overturned on the A6 Autoroute du Soleil 45 north of Lyons near Macon in central France early yesterday morning. So far no reason for the accident has been found.

Thirty-nine people were taken to hospital and most were later released. The most seriously injured man is John Masson, from the Glasgow area.

On June 3 a dozen British tourists were killed and 18 seriously injured when a double-deck coach overturned at Joigny, south of Paris.

Yesterday's crash came during the grand départ, when the French motorways are jammed with holiday-makers heading for the south. The 71-seater coach - operated by Park's of Hamilton for Impact Holidays of Carlisle, Cumbria - set off in mid-morning on Saturday picking up passengers mainly from Glasgow and Carlisle en route and was due to arrive yesterday after-

noon. The coach was being driven by Gerry Kenny, a relief driver, aged 26. The other driver, George Erskine, aged 53, who received cuts and bruises, said: "I was in the bunk behind the driver, sleeping at the time. I woke up and the windscreen. I woke up and 30 tonnes of coach was lying on my legs."

French police said: "The coach was all by itself. The driver went right and hit the verge and the coach overturned." He said the coach was travelling at a "normal speed" and its tyres appeared to be intact.

Douglas Park, the coach company's managing director, said: "The vehicle has been cleared and the driver has been cleared of speeding so something else happened."

The uninjured passengers and those released from hospital gathered at a municipal hall less a mile from the scene of the accident. "They said it was not very serious," said Bernard Leboe, the local official supervising the group. "They are all well." He said there were about six children among them.

Fourteen people were taken to hospital when their coach left the road and hit a tree on the A82 at Ardlui on Loch Lomond yesterday. Police said none of the injuries was serious. The coach was carrying American, Australian and British tourists.



French rescuers moving one of the British tourists injured when their coach crashed near Macon

## Ulster initiative enters critical phase

By EDWARD GORMAN, IRISH AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

THE government's initiative on devolution for Northern Ireland enters a critical phase today with Peter Brooke, the Northern Ireland secretary, warning that unless further progress is made within the next three weeks, the initiative could collapse.

Intensive meetings between Irish and British government officials combined with further formal talks between Mr Brooke and Gerard Collins, the Irish foreign minister, are expected over the next few

days as Mr Brooke tries to satisfy Dublin's desire for a direct and early role in all aspects of the talking process.

Mr Brooke made it clear over the weekend that he would like to be able to announce a full schedule for inter-party talks before the end of this session of Parliament, in about three weeks' time. He said that this would allow time for sorting out the agenda and other organisational aspects before the summer break. If he could not make this deadline

there would be "serious doubts" about the future of the initiative.

Mr Brooke met Charles Haughey, the Irish prime minister, in Co Donegal on Saturday for the launch of a cross border economic study, and took the opportunity to hold half-an-hour's private talks with him. Afterwards Mr Haughey said he was confident that Mr Brooke would arrive at a formula. The key element of disagreement remains Dublin's insistence on a precise timetable for its intervention.

It is surprising that Mr Brooke, who dislikes deadlines in politics and who clearly did not enjoy failing to meet the last one, has now so clearly set himself a new one. It suggests that he might believe he can put pressure on Dublin to come round to what officials on both sides have described as an agreement which was very close to conclusion early last week. It also underlines that Mr Brooke is worried about the initiative unravelling.

Senior police officers last night praised the quick reactions of police constables who opened fire on a suspected IRA terrorist seconds after one of his police colleagues had been shot.

The incident happened at 8.30am yesterday in Dungan, Co Tyrone, when a police foot patrol was attacked by gunmen who then tried to escape in a waiting car. One police officer was hit, and a colleague returned fire and is believed to have hit gunmen. The car with an injured man was later found abandoned. The IRA last night claimed responsibility for the shooting.

The higher education policy will be set out later this month. Drawn up by Matthew Taylor, MP for Truro, it

aims should be. Most other sex offenders held under Rule 43 are segregated in "appalling" conditions, and they do not escape abuse or attack from other prisoners. The report says improvements for sex offenders do not seem to be a Home Office priority in spite of the renewed interest that has been shown since the Strangeways jail riot during which Rule 43 inmates were attacked by other prisoners. The trust urges the department to build on the experiment at Littlehey Jail, Cambridgeshire, where sex offenders have separate living quarters but mix with other inmates while exercising, working and during education classes.

More tests for Getty sculpture

By ROBIN STACEY

AN ANCIENT Greek sculpture which has confounded experts trying to prove its authenticity has been withdrawn from public display at the J Paul Getty Museum in California for more tests.

The gallery has taken the step so that the sculpture can be minutely compared to a known forgery which has come to light in Europe. The known fake is fashioned from marble from the same quarry as the Getty kouros and is believed to have various similarities sufficient to cause the museum concern.

When the Getty acquired the kouros from an anonymous dealer in 1985 it was in six pieces. The second kouros has also now been purchased by the Getty for considerably less than the \$8-12 million the museum paid for the first one and is now on its way to the United States for the intensive investigation of scientific and stylistic features of both works.

The Greek government is being allowed to purchase privately three Cycladic marbles which were to have been auctioned at Sotheby's today.

The compromise reached at the weekend brought to an end a dispute which resulted in the Greek authorities losing a High Court attempt on Friday to stop the sale. The rest of the sale is going ahead as planned.



The withdrawn 6ft 6in Greek sculpture

## Democrats try to lift support in polls with radical policies

By PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Liberal Democrats are to publish a series of radical policy statements to try to raise the party's standing, still hovering at around 10 per cent in the polls.

A reform of higher education funding through a graduate tax, which students who have benefited from higher education would pay in their first few years at work, is among proposals being drawn up by Eddy Ashdown and his colleagues as they prepare to launch a revival before their annual conference in September.

Mr Ashdown is working on a 3,000-word statement outlining the party's distinctive policies and setting its course for the next general election. The aim is to contrast the Liberal Democrats with what will be labelled the cautious approach of the Labour and Conservative parties.

The expected election soon of Charles Kennedy as the party's president is also seen as an important boost to the party's appeal. The conference is regarded by Mr Ashdown as a vital opportunity because it will be the first the Liberal Democrats have approached since the last election as the unchallenged third party.

The demise last month of Dr David Owen's SDP has yet to show a marked benefit for the Liberal Democrats in the polls but there will be a longer term gain. Mr Ashdown believes there is a big gap for his party to fill with innovative policies, sharpening the party's identity in the public mind. The publication last week of its plans for a draft written constitution for the United Kingdom were the start of that process.

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Two ambulances on their way to an emergency call at Rye, Sussex, yesterday had to be given hospital treatment after their vehicle left the road and hit a building and traffic lights.

'Abolish bailiffs'

The use of private bailiffs to recover civil debts such as poll tax and rent arrears is an anachronism and should be abolished, the National Consumer Council says in a report published today.

Work enquiry

A national enquiry into work opportunities for people aged between 50 and 75 is launched today. Initially funded by the Carnegie UK Trust, the Carnegie Enquiry into the Third Age is expected to take three years.

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Stabbing checks

Police have launched an enquiry after a man was stabbed to death during a struggle with an officer on Saturday. Gary Humphrey, aged 27, suffered a severed artery when police were called to a domestic dispute in Headington, Oxford, between the victim and his girl friend.

Beer goes green

The green revolution storms a new bastion today, with the launch of Britain's first organic beer. Golden Promise organic beer has been developed by Caledonian Breweries of Edinburgh, using barley and hops from Britain and Tasmania grown without chemicals or pesticides.

Major drivers were warned to use only car phone checked by company, de-licensed by the Department of Transport. The company has alerted its customers which handle many calls, especially anti-

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## General Synod

Archbishops  
blamed for  
neutralising  
hunt debate

By CLIFFORD LONGLEY, RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS EDITOR

ATTEMPTS to ban fox hunting on the 150,000 acres of church land in England fizzled out at the General Synod of the Church of England in York.

Animal rights activists still have slight hopes of influencing the synod next year, when a statement of Christian attitudes to the care of the environment is likely to be debated.

Andrew Linzey, Anglican chaplain at Essex University, and one of the church's leading campaigners for animal rights, said during the week-end debate, however, that the synod's failure to condemn hunting for sport would cause a massive reaction against the church. He blamed "manoeuvres" by the archbishops of Canterbury and York behind the scenes for the way the debate had been neutralised.

The motion the synod was addressing asked it to "invite the Church Commissioners to review critically hunting for sport and intensive farming on church-owned land," while declaring its opposition to "all forms of cruelty and wanton killing of animals." It was

proposed by the Archdeacon of Colchester, the Ven Ernest Stroud, who also wanted the synod to ask its board for social responsibility to undertake research into the theological basis of human responsibility to animals.

The archdeacon said cruelty to animals was worse than ever before. The RSPCA investigated 80,000 complaints of cruelty last year. "Add to this the dimension of intensive farming and blood sports, and one begins to see a problem of massive scale."

Public opinion was overwhelmingly in favour of a legal ban on hunting, he said. "Fox hunting, stag hunting and hare coursing have the same purpose as the now illegal pastimes of bear-baiting and cock-fighting - that is, to provide amusement for human beings."

His motion ran the gamut of a battery of amendments, many of them shooting at the reference to hunting. The synod was repeatedly warned of the danger of alienating those who lived in the country. At one point the synod nearly carried a procedural motion to pass to next business.

A poor quality debate was brought to an early close when Canon Jesse Sage of Canterbury diocese moved that the board should instead prepare a statement "of Christian stewardship in relation to the whole of creation," to stimulate "a critical review of human responsibility to the living environment." The Archbishop of York, Dr John Habgood, said the original motion was "seriously flawed", and Canon Sage's amendment was promptly accepted by Archdeacon Stroud, and then carried.

The synod also confirmed the use of two church services in traditional language, the so-called Series I services, until the year 2000. Both are based on versions first published in 1928 but blocked in the prayer book controversy of that year, and they were last approved for ten more years' use in 1980.

The Series I marriage service allows the optional promise by the bride to obey her husband, and with or without the promise, it is still popular and frequently requested.

The Series I burial service contains prayers for "those whom we love but see no longer" adding "let perpetual light shine upon them." This was opposed by some conservative Evangelicals. But in neither case did opponents succeed in mustering a third of the votes necessary to prevent the service remaining in use.

The synod later refused to allow women deacons working in teams of ministers to be known as team vicars, after a tied 10-10 vote in the House of Bishops.

Sheppard  
welcomes  
challenge

The Right Rev David Sheppard, Bishop of Liverpool, told the synod that the forthcoming "decade of evangelism" was a great challenge.

Speaking on a progress report on the Church Urban Fund, he said: "In urban priority areas we face the challenge to strengthen and renew the life of our churches, so that they become self-propagating, and break fresh ground in ways which have hardly ever been seen in the cities of Europe over 150 years of urbanisation."

He emphasized the need to "cross boundaries for Christ", for instance when a parish drew most of its members from the owner-occupied section, and still had to "cross boundaries" into the council estate.

The church would not be credible in the streets if it did not concern itself with the whole of life, he said. In the same debate the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, warned against giving the false impression "of a church locked in endless combat with government on this issue." He told of a newspaper cartoon in which a journalist was ringing a bishop and saying: "I'm not interested in what the report says, bishop, just tell me on which pages it slams the government."



Changing scores: boys from St Wulfram's, Grantham, taking a football break during the East Midlands church choir festival there

Reforms blamed  
for delays in  
GPs' payments

By JILL SHERMAN, SOCIAL SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

ONE in three family doctors have still not received their full pay since April because of difficulties in introducing their new performance-related contract, a survey by the British Medical Association says today.

The survey, carried out by the General Medical Services Committee last week, showed that 75 per cent of all surgeries had some problems and delays in receiving quarterly payments. Some doctors were more than £12,000 out of pocket and had to take out overdrafts to cover the shortfall and ensure that their staff were paid, the survey claimed. More than 12,000 GPs are still without full payment in 6,000 practices.

Dr Michael Wilson, chairman of the General Medical Services Committee, said yesterday that the Department of Health was to blame for forcing through changes.

The department disputed the figures and said that at the end of June 75 out of 90 family practitioner committees had paid their GPs in full. The remaining 15 committees had paid their GPs an estimated 85 per cent of the sum due while they matched payments to the new fees.

"All doctors have got at least 85 per cent of their payment," a spokesman said. "Any GPs with financial difficulties should get in touch

with their local FPC."

● A £25 million campaign to beat heart disease is to be launched by the Health Education Authority and the Department of Health in Brighton today.

Lady Hooper, the junior health minister, will give details of a five-year programme aimed at reducing the 143,000 heart disease deaths every year by about 40,000 by the end of the century. It will be aimed particularly at smokers.

● Many patients are being discharged too soon from hospital and some are dying as a result, the Association of Community Health Councils for England and Wales says in its annual report published today.

The early discharges are a consequence of lengthening hospital waiting lists, ward closures and cancelled operations, which in turn are due to cash cuts by health authorities, according to the report.

"There are continual worries about early discharge. One healthy patient who died from peritonitis was discharged two days after a hernia operation," the report says. Toby Harris, director of the association, said yesterday: "Our fear is that people will die because they are being discharged from hospital early." The association opens its annual general meeting in Swansea today.

Blom-Cooper not to seek  
press commission post

By RICHARD EVANS, MEDIA EDITOR

LOUIS Blom-Cooper, QC, chairman of the Press Council, has ruled himself out as a candidate to head the proposed Press Complaints Commission.

His decision, contained in a letter at the weekend to the council's 36 members, is combined with a request for the council to give up its fight against abolition.

Mr Blom-Cooper also confirmed how he privately intended to leave the council's main constituent bodies and paymasters that he supported the Council plan to replace the council with a commission.

In particular, Mr Blom-Cooper spoke to Sir Frank Rogers, chairman of the Newspaper Publishers Association, before its meeting on June 26. "I told him what my personal view was and that

view was communicated to those attending the NPA meeting," Mr Blom-Cooper said.

The association later supported the demise of the Press Council. Meanwhile the council, chaired by Mr Blom-Cooper, came out strongly against its abolition.

In his letter, Mr Blom-Cooper said he had fully intended at that key meeting in June to declare his personal belief that the council should be disbanded. "I was persuaded that my view that

sadly the council should accept the inevitable demise of the council and lend its support to a new Press Complaints Commission would not be helpful in the circumstances." The council subsequently issued a defiant statement insisting it would

not succumb meekly to the Calcutt recommendations.

"While adhering privately to my personal view, I thought it right that the council if it thought fit should express what in fact emerged in the press statement that evening. Nothing in that statement was nor is unacceptable to me. The fact the council statement was interpreted as defiant does not detract from the stance that one may have to accept the inevitable consequences of the Calcutt proposals."

Mr Blom-Cooper's actions are known to have upset some members of the Press Council. "He has sold us down the river. He sabotaged any chance of keeping the council alive by privately informing the NPA and Newspaper Society, our main paymasters, that he favoured our abolition,"

Heathrow  
passengers  
face strike  
delays

By ROBIN STACEY

PASSENGERS flying into Heathrow today face long delays as immigration officers from the National Union of Civil and Public Servants stop work for 24 hours over a pay claim. Non-British nationals are likely to be worst affected but all travellers entering the country could be caught up in long queues.

The day of industrial action, the fifth by the union, will disrupt incoming passengers into all four Heathrow terminals. Travellers leaving the country are unlikely to be delayed because they will be processed by part-time immigration officers who are not union members.

Strike ballots were taken over the Treasury's introduction of a 6.5 per cent pay award which members feel is unfair because it is 2 per cent lower than that made to other grades.

The Home Office played down the threat of long delays last night. "This is a minority union and the effects of previous days of action have been negligible," a spokesman said. "There is no reason to expect the situation will be worse this time but if delays do build up those who are in charge will take steps to minimise the effects."

Hampton  
Court  
show gets  
up steamBy ALAN TOOGOOD  
HORTICULTURAL  
CORRESPONDENT

A RAILWAY enthusiast's garden with a miniature railway, appropriate for a show sponsored by Network South-East, will be one of many themed gardens at the Hampton Court Palace international flower show, which opens on Wednesday.

Another garden will depict flowers from the Orient commonly grown in Britain, including flowering dogwoods, magnolias, maples, hostas and lilies. The garden is by the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, and the National Council for the Conservation of Plants and Gardens at Wisley.

The show will also feature a small retirement garden built by Help the Aged. One of the outstanding designs submitted for this year's *Sunday Times* garden design competition at the Chelsea flower show, a garden for beginners by John Spooner, will be created by Capel Manor College, of Enfield, in association with *The Sunday Times* and the Chelsea Gardener.

Many of the 500 exhibitors will be in marquees over more than four acres. There will be a pool planted with lotus and water lilies, surrounded by rain forest flowers and foliage plants. There will also be palms from all parts of the world, some 15ft high, and colourful greenhouse foliage plants, including variegated pineapples and colous.

Blooms of Bressingham will feature perennials (including new pink-flowered strawberry, "Pink Panda"), alpines, shrubs (including new dwarf Hebe "Margaret" with sky blue flowers) and dwarf conifers.

The show will be open from Wednesday to Sunday, July 15, from 10am to 8.30pm, closing at 7.30pm on Sunday. Prices: rail visitors, adults £8, children (5-15 yrs) £4; others, adults £12, children and senior citizens £8.

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Flower show, pages 16, 17

## Proposals on M25 expected soon

By MICHAEL DYNES  
TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

PROPOSALS to reduce congestion on the M25, which are already six months overdue, will soon be unveiled by Cecil Parkinson, the transport secretary.

The proposals follow the completion last year of an independent review into existing and projected traffic congestion on the motorway. The review said that there is already congestion every day at a number of locations, adding that "to take no further action would, within a few years, condemn motorists to very extensive congestion for much of the working day."

The consultants predicted that traffic was likely to increase sufficiently by the year 2,000 to justify expanding the entire motorway into an eight-lane highway, and further expansion would be necessary

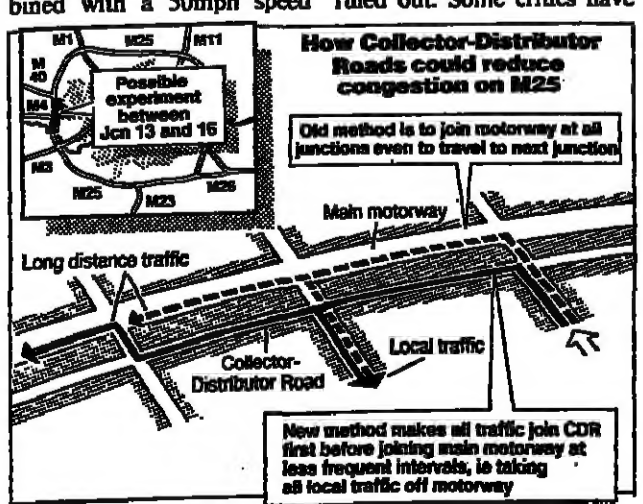
thereafter. However, the review provoked a public outcry after suggesting the motorway could be converted into a dual four-lane carriageway, simply by narrowing the existing lanes to create enough roadway for a fourth lane, combined with a 50mph speed

limit to increase safety. Mr Parkinson is not expected to sanction this proposal, although as a short-term measure, along with improved gantry signing, full motorway lighting, and automatic accident detection, it cannot be ruled out. Some critics have

said that even squeezing a quart into a pint pot cannot be considered a short-term solution. However, supporters of the proposal argue that creating four lanes out of three would be quicker than waiting for the M25 to be expanded to four lanes proper, which under the present national road building programme, would take at least ten years.

Yet if traffic volumes continue to increase as expected, an eight-lane M25 will become as seriously congested as the existing six-lane motorway at the very moment the present motorway widening programme is completed.

However, if traffic volumes continue to increase as expected, the only long-term solution to congestion on the M25 could be to build a Home Counties orbital motorway, or to introduce financial incentives to reduce private vehicle ownership.



## Alert out after car phone cuts Jaguar's power

By KEVIN EASON  
MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

A SAFETY alert has been issued to thousands of mobile telephone engineers after an incident in which a Jaguar car lost all power because of faulty telephone installation. The driver escaped safely when all electrical systems, including lights, brakes and engine, were shut down by a crossed wire.

Jaguar drivers were warned yesterday to use only car phones fitted and checked by company dealers. The Federation of Communications Services has alerted its 350-member companies' equipment that faulty installation could damage vital equipment, especially anti-lock brak-

ing systems (ABS), and urges them to check with manufacturer specifications. A warning pamphlet from the federation says: "Mistakes on ABS systems can kill. If in any doubt call for assistance even if it means delays and hassle."

The Jaguar driver involved was stranded on a motorway when all power to the car failed. Checks on the vehicle showed that a telephone engineer had crossed vital wires which caused a complete systems shutdown.

Most new cars now have complex computer engine management systems and increasing numbers have electronic controls for suspension, brakes, gearbox and safety mechanisms. The new Mercedes SL convertible sports car, for example, has an

automatic pop-up roll bar operated by computer. However, demand is soaring for high-power stereo equipment and especially mobile telephones, with about 500,000 thought to be fitted every year.

Mr Malcolm said: "The consequences of incorrect installation are potentially horrific which is why we are reminding our members that the utmost care is needed."

Jaguar is telling drivers not to have any mobile phone equipment installed other than its own recommended equipment which will be fitted by company dealers.

● Leaders of the car fleet industry are appealing to the social security department to scrap its decision to levy national insurance on private fuel

used in company cars. The decision could cost up to £180 million a year if the department pursues its examination of accounts relating to more than three million company car drivers.

Overdrive Credit Card, a fuel charge card firm with 5,000 fleet customers running 250,000 company cars, has started proceedings for a judicial review of the decision, saying that many companies cannot afford the huge increase in national insurance charges. One customer could be faced with an extra bill for between £400,000 and £1.2 million annually.

Fleet companies are, however, growing uneasy about the delay of several months now expected before the judicial review is completed and the DSS gives its own ruling.

## AGENDA

## The week ahead

**Today**  
The prime minister is in Houston for the G7 economic summit, but there is a guarantee of plain speaking, too, at Cambridge, where the International Plain English conference meets. The Queen begins her Scottish summer holiday and the name of the new secretary-general of the Arts Council will be revealed.

**Tomorrow**  
Robin Cook bangs the drum for the Labour campaign for electoral reform. Derek Faichett launches a Labour document on physical education and sport. Michael Heseltine collects an honorary doctorate of law from Liverpool university. The Princess of Wales attends the premiere of *Back to the Future III*.

**Wednesday**  
The Commons debates community charge-capping powers. The Royal Tournament opens at Earl's Court. Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother hosts a 90th birthday garden party at Holyrood House.

**Thursday**  
Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone is guest of honour at a Boyle's literary lunch. Winchester cathedral launches a £7 million appeal, the largest yet.

**Friday**  
Gerald Kaufman reveals Labour's plans for Britain's place in the world, in Stockport. Brian Clough is made an honorary MA by Nottingham university. An international conference on Nato and disaster relief meets in London.

**Saturday**  
Miners' gala in Durham and Tina Turner concert in Birmingham.

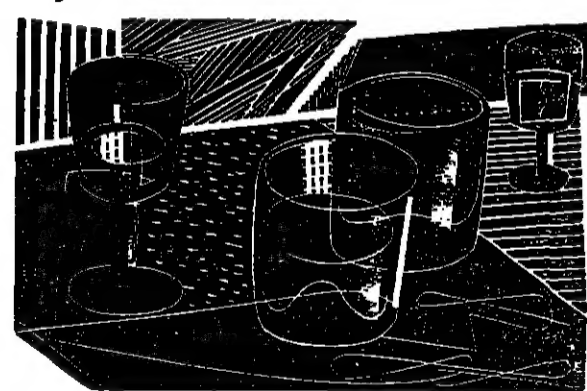
Cancer test  
results sent  
back too lateBy RICHARD FORD  
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE government is accused today of complacency over the "failure" of the cervical cancer screening programme to meet its own targets.

Figures produced by the Labour party show that 33 out of 190 district health authorities in England and Wales return test results too late to meet the official guideline. This recommends that results should be returned to the doctor within a month.

Harriet Harman, the shadow health minister, says: "The government is complacent in allowing so many districts to continue to miss their maximum time limit. It is important to encourage more women to go for cervical smears, but the screening system must be matched by good laboratory services."

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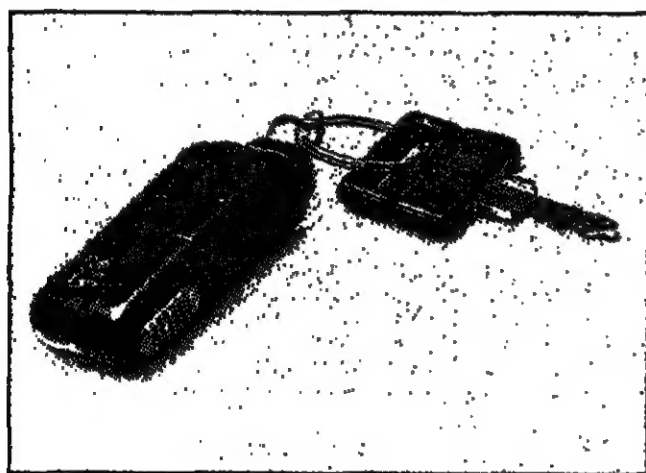


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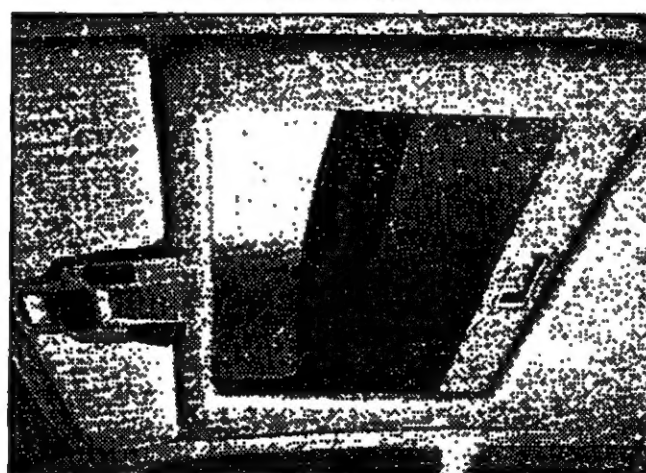
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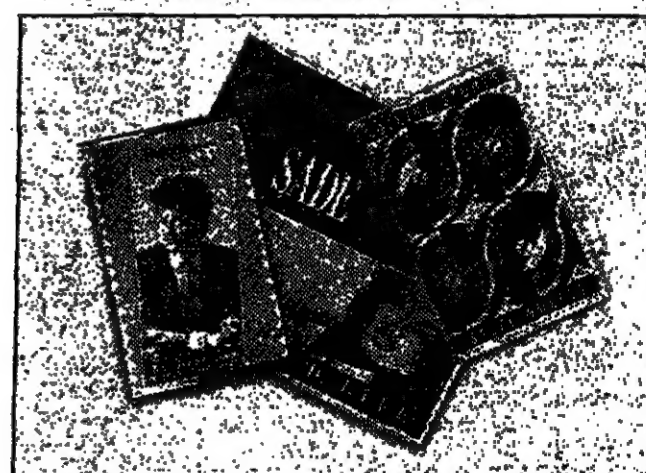
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# Police chief promises to give talented high fliers their wings



Sir John: "Police are more receptive to change"

BRITISH police forces should be flexible enough to allow talented officers to rise without creating a separate direct entry officer class according to Sir John Woodcock, the new Chief Inspector of Constabulary. All police officers need the experience of working on the beat but that role need not last long for the high flier, he said.

Speaking shortly before the publication of his first annual report as chief inspector, Sir John, whose staff scrutinise the performance of 43 forces each year, rejected recent suggestions of recruiting former military officers into positions of command to redress leadership problems. There was no comparison, he said, between the role of a police constable and a private soldier; a military officer commands while a police leader coordinates.

The police may be under considerable attack, Sir John said, yet they are more receptive than ever to change. Many of the allegations

in recent cases refer to policing in a different era and the calibre of new officers is better than ever.

The police were already attracting talent without offering the special attraction of an officer class, he said. There were 7,162 graduates among a strength of 124,000 police officers compared with 6,001 graduates among 153,000 servicemen and 73,000 territorial army members. Sir John said the number of graduates in the services included such specialists as doctors and dentists. The police did not, for example, recruit by sponsoring undergraduates.

The rate of wastage within the police service for graduates stood at 2.8 per cent annually. In the RAF, for example, the wastage rate was, he said, 19 per cent a year. Sir John said, however, that talented young police officers were not rising as fast they should. "We can do better with talent," he said. Graduate recruits put on a high fliers' scheme could reach

In his first major interview since becoming Chief Inspector of Constabulary three months ago, Sir John Woodcock talks to Stewart Tisdler, Crime Correspondent, about the challenges and changes facing police forces.

inspector in four years but they were then taking too long to progress higher. High fliers could be reaching the rank of chief constable by 40 and there is a need to look at a contract system for top officers to "ensure there is the right degree of change to create more opportunities".

Sir John said that his tasks include overseeing the work of more than 100,000 police officers with his team of six inspectors as well as being a confidant to chief constables and enforcing the Whitehall drive for greater efficiency. He is also committed to bringing the inspectorate out of its traditional anonymity which might also improve its image.

Until five years ago the findings of the inspectors were a mystery for

the public and police authorities because inspectors reported to only the home secretary. A chief constable might be given an informal briefing but nothing else.

In 1985 inspectors were allowed to brief authorities. This year the inspectorate will, for the first time, publish its reports. Sir John said the decision to go public had been taken by the inspectorate and not because of outside pressure. "The need to publicise is essential. It makes us accountable."

The inspectorate was also once regarded as a backwater for former chief constables with little influence. Sir John said: "Now there is no shortage of inspectors. We have a free choice of the service and there is a willingness of very able people to join us. The

inspectors are in touch with police forces on a day to day basis, not tipping through once a year. When you go to a force you are not going blindfold or fishing." Each inspection is preceded by a questionnaire to chief constables followed by reports drawn up by the inspector's staff at the force.

Since last year individual forces have also been asked to carry out scrutinies in particular areas based on the framework set up within the civil service over the past decade. Nineteen are under way into areas as diverse as gun registration and accident reporting. Next year the interval between inspections will be extended to every two years. In between times, forces will be subject to "thematic inspections" on areas raised by previous reports.

For all this work chief constables still complain they are not getting the resources they need such as manpower allocations on which the inspectors advise the Home Office and critics continue to point

to waste. On the issue of manpower, Sir John said: "You have to be careful not to estimate the needs of the police service by listening to those who make the loudest protest."

There was nothing wrong with chief constables making their cases. There was also the question of cost and making the best use of what is available and of not wasting police on duties which could be done by outside employees. "The police service is trying to achieve this but there is still plenty to be done."

Last week the home secretary told MPs that he ruled out a national police force or reorganisation. Sir John suspects the idea of reform will not go away. Although the home secretary had said there would be no change for the present, Sir John said that he would not be surprised if the issue did come under close debate, given the need for better technology and equipment and the costs involved.

## Tory council leader says rate capping keeps tax up

By DOUGLAS BROOM AND RICHARD FORD

THE community charge came under renewed attack yesterday from the Labour party and the government's own town hall supporters who said charge capping was preventing councils from reducing poll tax bills.

Addressing local government leaders in Liverpool, David Blunkett, the shadow local government minister, denounced the cabinet review of the poll tax as a "sham, a cruel mirage in the desert — the shape of relief and the reality of deception".

In London, Andrew Boff, who led Conservatives to an unexpected victory in the borough of Hillingdon in the May municipal elections, described capping as "a complete negation of local accountability". He said the capping procedure, which freezes a council's poll tax level until parliament has approved reduced spending figures, was preventing his party carrying out a manifesto commitment to cut Hillingdon's £366 poll tax by £77.

A capping order issued in April, when the council was politically "hung", sought to reduce the bill by £53. The Conservatives, who have a one-seat majority, want to go beyond that by cutting £9 million from the budget.

Capping orders imposed on 17 local authorities are expected to be debated in the Commons later this week. It could be the autumn before the legal processes are completed and capped councils have the freedom to control their budgets again, Mr Boff

said ministers appeared not to have taken into account the possibility that capped councils might change political control.

By-elections due in other authorities in the coming weeks could place them in the same position as Hillingdon and an extension of charge capping could create similar problems on a larger scale.

Mr Boff said: "Capping undermines the whole purpose of the community charge which was to create a strong tool of accountability. We proved that it worked by winning the election in May."

Mr Blunkett told the annual conference of the local government information unit that the cabinet wanted greater authoritarian and central control of local councils. "More capping, more cutting and more misery. That is what the Conservatives' much vaunted review will mean in practice."

Robin Cook, the shadow health secretary, will on Wednesday produce figures from the local authorities indicating that they expect spending on social services to increase next year by a third. He said: "This is quite a large jump. Ministers cannot expect local authorities to take up new responsibilities with limited resources."

The poll tax was defended by David Hunt, the Welsh secretary. Speaking to the annual conference of Welsh Conservatives in Llandudno, Mr Hunt who as local government minister oversaw the introduction of the community charge, said its impact had been "like letting daylight into a darkened room".

There have been clear signs of a counter-attack by ministers on poll tax critics in the last fortnight, reflecting a sense in the cabinet that the very debate engendered by the tax proves its effectiveness in increasing town hall accountability.

A review of local government and reforms of the poll tax are demanded by the Bow Group today as the only means of restoring the fortunes of the government (Richard Ford writes).

The community charge is called a political and financial disaster by the left-of-centre Conservative pressure group, which accuses the government of muddle, poor timing, confusion and policy errors in dealing with local government finance.

## Enquiry on crash of light plane

Accident investigators have begun an enquiry into the cause of a light aircraft crash in which a woman and two men on board were killed.

The Piper Cherokee was heading for Cranfield airfield, Bedfordshire, from Biggin Hill on Saturday when it lost power and crashed in a garden in Cranfield, embedding itself in a brick outhouse.

## Meningitis cases

Two sisters and a girl who attends the same playgroup have been treated in Bassetlaw general hospital, Nottingham, for meningitis. With other children at the playgroup they have been given antibiotics. None are considered to be in danger.

## Crash kills two

A father and his son aged 13 died when two cars and a coach collided on the A158 in Horncastle, Lincolnshire. The man's daughter was being treated for serious facial injuries in hospital.

## Mufti order

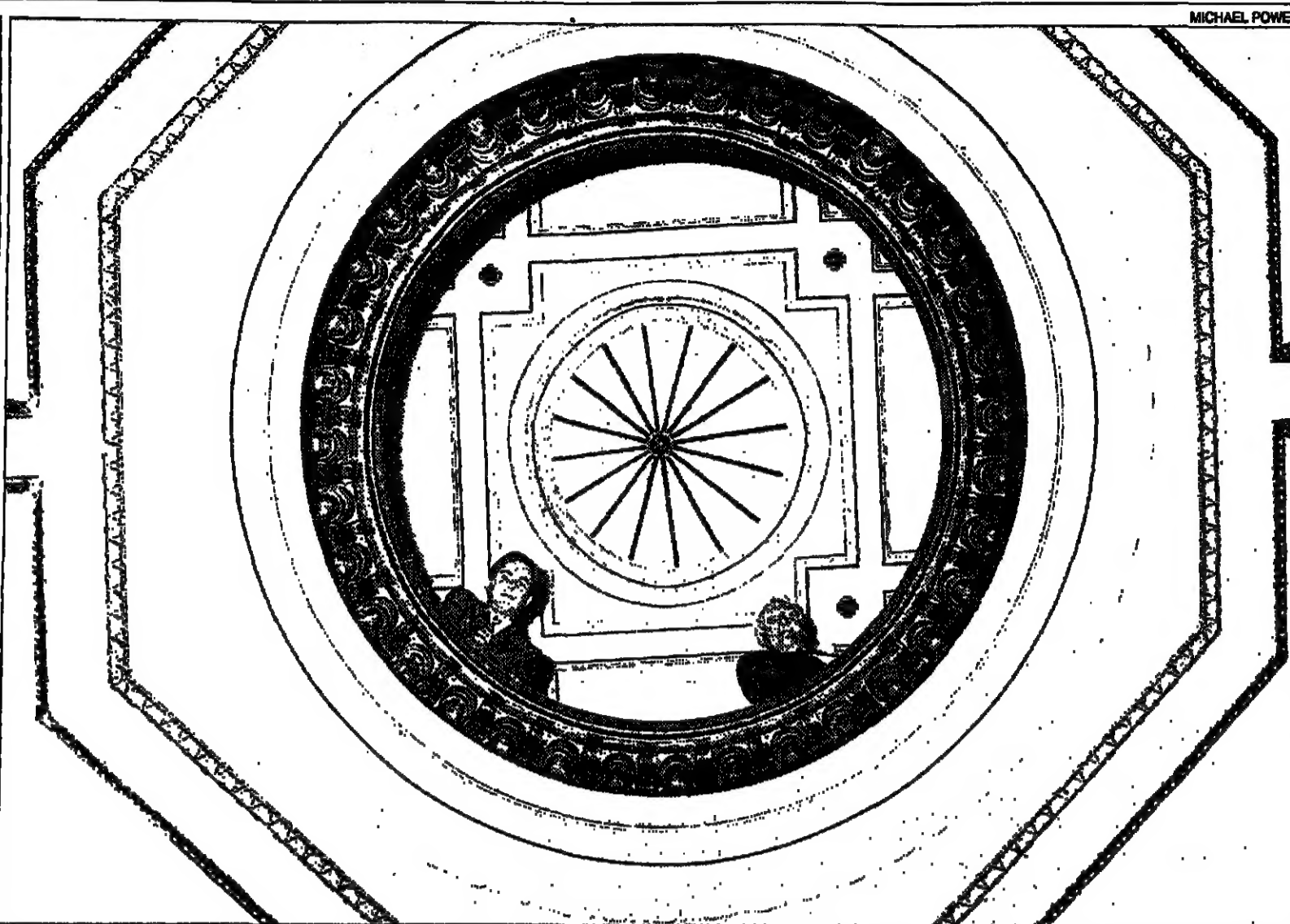
John Walker, the landlord of the Bader Arms, named after Sir Douglas Bader, at Tangmere, West Sussex, has been ordered by Chichester magistrates to stop his barman wearing RAF uniforms.

## Party shoot-out

Three people suffered pellet wounds when shotguns were fired after an argument erupted at a party in Darenth, Kent.

## Bond winners

Winners in the National Savings premium bonds weekly draw are: £100,000, 6DB 867-025 (Humberstone); £50,000, 6JZ 462590 (Devon); £25,000, 30AN 717566 (abroad).



Mr Elder (left) and Mr Midwinter look down from part of the theatre that has been restored. Elsewhere paint is peeling and plaster crumbling

## Theatre needs £60m to restore former glories

By SIMON TAIT, ARTS CORRESPONDENT

THE London Coliseum, the baroque masterpiece by Frank Matcham, is at the top of Peter Palumbo's list of buildings to be restored in his £1 billion scheme for arts buildings in Britain.

The theatre needs £60 million spent on it to reach international standards by 2000, the Arts Council chairman says.

The Coliseum, which opened in 1904 as the largest theatre in London, was described by Sir Nikolaus Pevsner in *The Buildings of England* as "just what a palace of entertainment should be". Since 1968 it has been the home of the English National Opera, which leases it from Stoll Moss Theatres.

Richard Elder, ENO's head of administration, invited *The Times* to look at the work to be done. Three months ago the Coliseum was in a state of decay. This one is fixed and made of steel and fibreglass on a lead base, and is impossible to clean.

Since Oswald Stoll opened the Coliseum it has been a music hall, comedy theatre and cinema before the Sadler's Wells Opera, forerunners of the ENO, made it their home in 1968. "The biggest problem is that it was

built as a receiving house, with companies coming in and out, and did not have a permanent company," Mr Elder said. "We have 600 to 650 people to accommodate somehow."

Mr Elder has to clear his office at the end of each day to turn it into a dining room to raise revenue to help cancel the ENO's deficit — £500,000 last year but hopefully to be cut to £145,000 this year.

A grand plan has been devised to improve facilities such as lavatories, and catering and repair decor. Creating more space behind the proscenium arch is also envisaged.

"We badly need to extend sideways, which would mean buying neighbouring property to give us a workable prop room and decent dressing rooms. Storage of props is always a crisis," Mr Elder said. The 120ft stage would be enlarged by 40ft.

The company, however, needs to fight another battle before addressing Mr Palumbo's plea. Its lease expires in 1996 and its tenure after then is uncertain. "For all its faults we love this beautiful theatre and it would be impossible to find such a good position," Mr Elder said.

## Many polluted beaches in sun resorts, EC says

By RAY CLANCY

BRITISH tourists who travel to mainland European resorts to avoid dirty beaches at home are facing waters contaminated with sewage and industrial waste as well as dangerous conditions, according to a European Commission report.

Britain, which is being prosecuted by the commission for having dirty beaches, is by no means alone. Almost every member state is being sued or facing investigations over polluted beaches.

The report, the most comprehensive look at the state of European beaches, highlights hundreds of polluted beaches, including the most popular in Spain and Italy. It says that sewage disposal is inadequate along much of the coastline from the Atlantic to the Mediterranean and that local authorities try to avoid reporting the true state of the water.

The report says that Denmark and France are the most honest. However, Greece does not monitor most of its coastline. Germany has been "economical" with its surveys and Britain has failed to act

quickly and effectively. In Spain the blackspots are Andalusia and Valencia. The report says many mayors put sewage treatment plants at the bottom of their list of priorities. Valencia regional health service said recently that it would close 33 beaches on the Costa del Sol this summer unless urgent measures were taken to reduce pollution.

The report says that governments have been trying to cover up the levels of contamination and avoid their responsibilities laid down by the 1975 EC directive on the quality of water at beaches. According to the directive, they should test the water for contamination at least once every two weeks and report the results to the commission in Brussels.

However, according to the independent environmental groups involved in compiling the report, local authorities often take samples where they know the water is clean rather than, as the directive requires, at places where the daily average density of bathers is highest.

## Extended rights for detained suspects

By FRANCES GIBB  
LEGAL AFFAIRS  
CORRESPONDENT

SUSPECTS being detained and questioned at police stations will benefit from strengthened rights under radically revised codes of practice for their treatment, to be published by the Home Office this week.

The new codes, under the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984, have been finalized after consultation among police, the Law Society and the Legal Aid Board. The growing concern about treatment of suspects, fuelled by the release of the Guildford Four last October, has helped to add weight to the case that more had to be done to help suspects in custody than was first proposed.

Groups such as the Legal Action Group had been particularly concerned that aspects of the revised codes as first put out for consultation would strengthen the hand of the police when dealing with suspects in custody.

However, changes accepted recently by the Home Office to the code on detention, treatment and questioning of suspects go a considerable way to meeting these concerns. Among the main changes are stronger provisions ensuring that the police tell a suspect of his right to free legal advice.

When a person comes into the police station he must be informed of his right to legal advice. There had been concern that as a detention progressed a suspect would forget he still had such a right.

Another change is aimed at stopping the practice whereby, with vulnerable suspects such as young people or the mentally subnormal, the police treat the lawyer also as the adult who is supposed to be there as "next friend", instead of bringing in a separate person.

There had been concern that if the lawyer doubled as the "friend" there could be a conflict of interest. Stephen Ridley, secretary of the Law Society's criminal law committee, said: "We are pleased with the attitude taken by the Home Office and feel that the revised codes will strengthen the rights of suspects at police stations."

The other codes cover police stop-and-search powers, seizure of property and identification parades. The last has been radically revised to allow for identification by using video tapes so that the victim or witness is not confronting the suspect face to face.

Beyond the detail of the codes, there is continuing concern that police may breach them with impunity. But recently the courts have taken a robust view of such breaches and ruled that evidence obtained when there is a breach is inadmissible.

It is expected that the codes, which are subject to affirmative resolution of both houses of Parliament, will be implemented by January 1991.

● Campaigners for the release of the six men convicted of the Birmingham public house bombings 15 years ago are to stage a dramatized reconstruction of their trial involving a crown court judge, barristers and a new "jury" (Craig Seton writes).

The mock trial is due to take place later this year in the former crown court buildings in Derby and will use parts of the transcript from the original hearing in Lancaster in 1975.

David Bookbinder, the Labour leader of Derbyshire county council, a supporter of the campaign, said yesterday that a judge had been found who was willing to conduct the new trial. His identity is to be revealed later.

Barristers were being approached to take part in the one-day hearing. Advertisements are to be placed to find 12 people to sit on the jury.

## Half firms fail to pay rates in Patten's constituency

By OUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORRESPONDENT

ALMOST half of businesses in the environment secretary's Bath constituency have failed to pay the new business rate, according to figures released yesterday.

A local pressure group, which urged firms not to pay the uniform business rate in protest about the impact of sharp rises in rates bills on local traders, claimed that 42 per cent of the city's 3,500 businesses had not paid.

More than 85 shops in Chris Patten's constituency had closed in the first three months of operation of the new system of local taxation based on the uniform business rate and the community charge, the group said.

Bath city council confirmed that it had failed to achieve its own "pessimistic" target of rate income. Officials estimated that slightly over half of businesses had paid their rates but blamed billing problems for the delay.

They also disclosed that the proportion of individuals paying the poll tax in Bath was

greater than the percentage of firms paying the business rate. The contrast with the rest of England, where business rate receipts are running well ahead of poll tax income, is sharpened by the fact that many Bath charge payers have withheld payment pending the outcome of a legal challenge to charge capping imposed on Avon county council.

Nicholas Troup, co-founder of Business Against Rent and Rates increases in Bath, said the low payment rate was a victory for the group's campaign to bring home the unfairness of the new system to Mr Patten. The group has called on local businesses to pay only last year's rates plus 8 per cent for inflation, well short of the figure due under the new business rate.

Although ministers have fixed the business rate poundage at 34.8p in the pound across the country, rateable values have risen substantially this year following the first revaluation for 17 years. In Bath, which is second only to

London in terms of the number of tourists it attracts, the impact of the business rate has been heightened by a steep rise in rents charged by both private landlords and the city council, which owns two-thirds of the commercial property in the city centre.

Mr Troup, who runs a bakery and a vegetarian restaurant, says his rates bill has gone up from £800 to £3,600. Further increases are in prospect as transitional measures designed to protect businesses are phased out over the next five years.

"There are 78 empty shops in the city centre. I cannot think of a clearer illustration to Mr Patten that what we warned would happen is happening," Mr Troup said. Even some of the larger retailing chains had moved out.

A spokesman for Bath city council said that many of the empty shops in the city were "between lettings" and their closure could not be blamed on the business rate.

## Britons struggle in chess

By RAYMOND KEENE

BRITISH players are struggling to qualify at the close of the first week of play in the inter-zonal tournaments of the World Chess Championship qualifying cycle, in Manila, Philippines.

Britain is represented in the men's event by grandmasters Nigel Short and Murray Chandler and the 18-year-old British champion grandmaster Michael Adams. In the parallel women's inter-zonal tournament in Genting, Malaysia, Britain is represented by Cathy Forbes.

Leaders (after eight rounds): Vassily Ivanchuk (Soviet Union) 6 pts; Boris Gelfand (Soviet Union), Gelfand Korchnoi (Switzerland), Leonid Yudasin, Alexei Dreev and Mikhail Gurevich (Soviet Union), Predrag Nikolic and Branko Damjanovic (Yugoslavia) all 5½. Adams has 4½ points and Chandler 3½.

In the women's tournament Xie (China) leads with five points and Forbes has two points.



# Regions will profit in London slump, forecasters say

By ROBIN STACEY

LONDON'S big boom time is over and its importance as a national and international centre will slump sharply in the 1990s, a forecast published today says.

The capital will be squeezed by the shift eastwards of Europe's centre of gravity and the greater relative attractiveness of provincial cities from Exeter to Glasgow, according to the commercial forecasters, the Henley Centre. In particular 30 local centres including Cardiff, Leeds, Chelmsford, Colchester, Milton Keynes, Macclesfield, Warrington and Epsom stand to profit from London's demise with their better quality of life and lower costs, the report says.

Unless London quickly enlists a champion to create a sense of identity and find it a new direction, the capital will lose its status as a desirable place to live and work, the forecasters say. "With 1992 approaching fast and the whole of Eastern Europe opening up, the competition for new business and skilled workers is going to get very tough indeed," John Rigg, director of policy analysis at the centre, said yesterday. "We

see quality of life as a major negative factor for London at the moment. Transport needs urgent improvement, education provision is a major problem and there is a serious mismatch between supply and demand in the labour market, discouraging companies from establishing themselves."

London lacks the sense of community of Glasgow or the patriotic symbolism enjoyed by Paris as the national cultural stage. "The different character of the large poll tax demonstrations in Glasgow and London clearly illustrate how the same section of the population views the city in which they live," Mr Rigg said. "In Glasgow a very large protest went off almost without incident but in London some of the dispossessed actively attacked property and the police. The city has lost its sense of unity and identity."

Important events in the opening years of the decade underline the uphill struggle facing Londoners in presenting their city as a centre of the 1990s. The World Fair is coming to Seville, the Olympics to Barcelona and Disneyworld to Paris. Frank-

furt's threat to the City of London as a European financial centre can only grow as the EC economy is centralised on foundations of the mighty mark and Americans who have for decades been the mainstay of London's tourist industry are suddenly faced with the chance of exploring their original homelands in Eastern Europe.

The future is not looking good for the centre of the Commonwealth. "There seems to be no buzz, no appetite for the future, no urgency attending the discussion of its identity. The image lacks shape, confidence and daring." Although London is still forecast to continue growing slowly, dozens of cities — such as Cambridge, Exeter and Warwick because of their university links; Carlisle and Harrogate and Worcester for their quality of life; and Telford and Wrexham for attractiveness to foreign investors — will expand more rapidly in the next five years, the report says.

*Local Futures* (Henley Centre, 2 Tudor Street, London EC4Y 0AA; £1,750)



Some of the 180 morris men from around Britain who danced to the abbey yesterday morning at St Albans, where the 234th Morris Ring, a meeting of the national association of men's morris dance clubs, was held to celebrate the St Albans side's sixtieth anniversary.

## £42,000 bill for bringing up child

By RAY CLANCY

THE cost of bringing up a child to the age of 16 is almost £42,000 yet child benefit contributes only a small part, leaving poorer families suffering hardships, according to a report published today.

Having children has a dramatic effect on household incomes especially for families living on or near the poverty line. The income of a single parent with two children can fall by half from £120 to £65, the report from the Child Poverty Action Group says.

Child benefit, frozen for the past three years, contributes only £5,032 (14 per cent) of the total cost of bringing up a child. "In spite of government attempts to target help to poorer families the direct costs involved in having a baby and bringing it up bear little relationship to the public support provided for families."

The report says that the cost of a healthy diet for a pregnant woman is £17.72 a week, which can amount to 60 per cent of income support. Clothing and equipment for a mother and baby can cost up to £1,050 yet the state maternity grant is £100. The income support personal allowance for children does not even meet the minimum cost of children aged up to 11.

Indirect costs can add to the burden. A woman earning £6,000 a year stands to lose £122,000 over her lifetime by bringing up two children and child minding costs can take a quarter of a woman's average wage of £174.90.

The report urges a thorough study of the real direct costs of bringing up children so that benefits can be based on more realistic needs. "Child benefit is ideally suited to solving the government's dilemma over family policy," it says.

*The Cost of a Child* (Child Poverty Action Group, Bath Street, London EC1V 9PY; £3.50)

## Navigation controls urged for the Wye

By CRAIG SETON

THE National Rivers Authority is being urged to take control of navigation on the Wye, a noted salmon river, where jet skis are among the latest leisure craft to injure game fishermen and other river users.

There is no control over navigation on 100 miles of the non-tidal Wye from north of Chepstow, where it enters the Severn estuary, to Hay-on-Wye in Hereford and Worcester.

The river's increasing popularity with canoeists, rafters, rowers and power boat enthusiasts is putting pressure on salmon fishermen, who can pay thousands of pounds to fish the river. The Herefordshire branch of the Country Landowners Association, which has members who own fishing rights on the river, believes that the National Rivers Authority should use its new powers to take control of navigation and regulate boat users.

Captain Simon Dereham, the county chairman, said yesterday that the use of jet skis at such popular spots as Symonds Yat, near Ross-on-Wye, should be banned. "They can travel at about 40 miles an hour and are a danger to a wading fisherman and other river users," he said.

"We want the Wye managed in everybody's interests, not just the fishermen's but the naturalists, the walkers and other boat users... It is not just a case of anglers against the rest."

The National Rivers Authority has appointed a river projects officer to liaise between the various river users and try and ensure that the interests of the different groups do not clash. It is also drawing up limited bye-laws under its land drainage powers to control the speed and size of craft using the Wye.

## Poison threat to kite's survival

By CRAIG SETON

ATTEMPTS to re-establish the red kite, one of Britain's most threatened birds of prey, may be scrapped because of the number being illegally poisoned by gamekeepers and farmers.

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds and the Nature Conservancy Council are about to release 20 red kites imported from Sweden into the wild in Scotland. Thirteen more, 11 from Spain and two from Wales, are to be released at secret locations in southern England, where they were common in the last century.

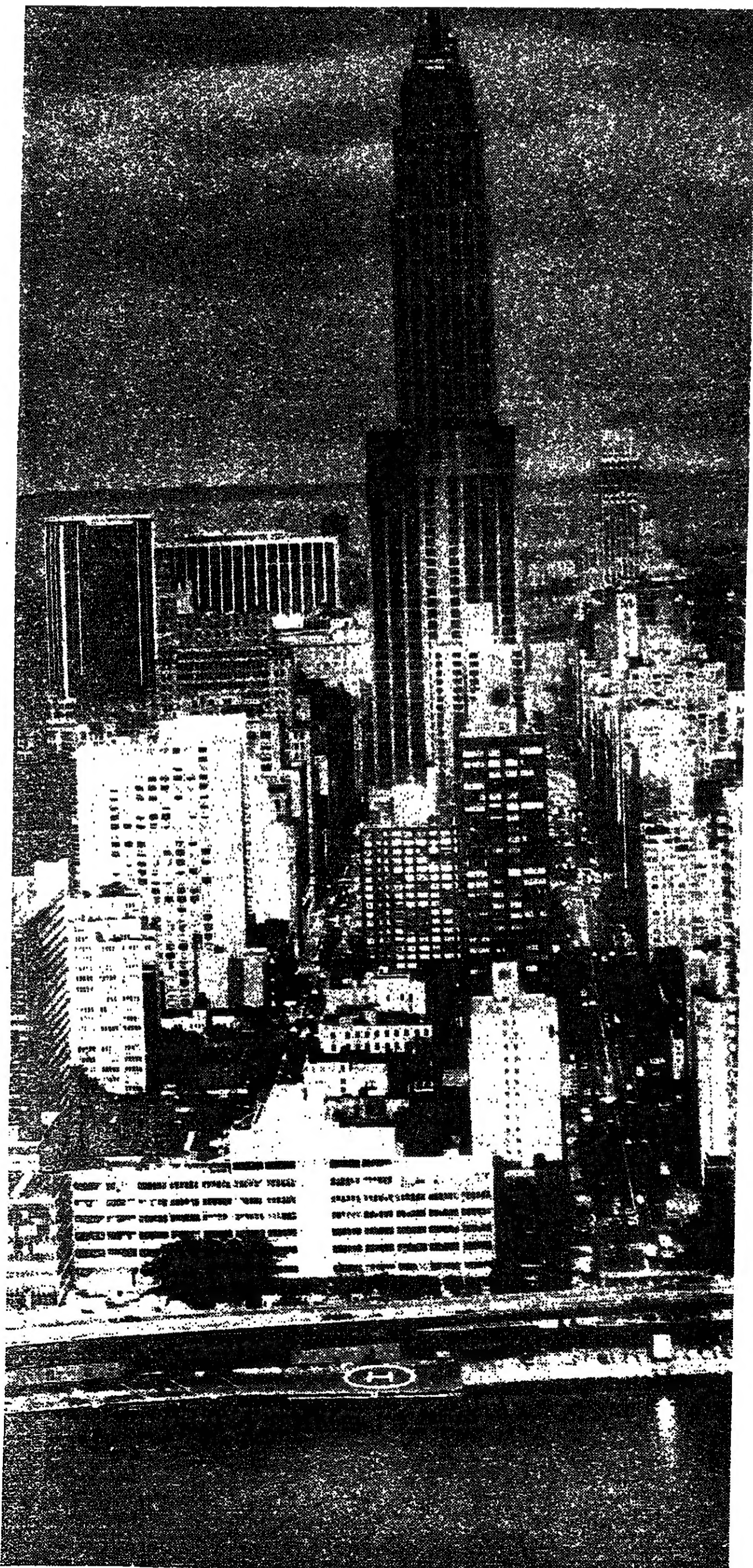
The scheme, called translocation, is aimed at re-establishing breeding colonies in areas where the bird has virtually disappeared. The project started last summer when 11 red kites were released in southern England and Scotland, but two have already died from poisoning and two more are unaccounted for. The RSPB fears it may no longer be safe to release the birds in areas where their numbers were originally decimated by humans mainly through shooting and poisoning. The society wants landowners to control the activities of their

employees, particularly on game estates.

Of the two red kite that died, one released in southern England survived only five months. It was killed in Hereford and Worcester where it fed from a carcass laced with Endrin, a banned pesticide used by gamekeepers to kill foxes attacking pheasants. A second was found dead near Inverness after eating from a poisoned carcass suspected of being put down to protect grouse.

In Wales, the British stronghold of the bird, there are about 200 red kites, including 53 breeding pairs, but 11 died from poisoning last year. The RSPB suspects that the red kite, a carrion feeder, is a target of some gamekeepers because they suspect the bird attacks young pheasants.

Andy Jones, an RSPB investigations officer, said landowners must keep a closer eye on staff. "Illegal poisoning is still widespread in England and Scotland and it is part and parcel of the project to consider whether we are able to continue this programme because, unfortunately, our game estates do not seem civilized enough."



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# Kenya's democracy campaigners don Mau Mau mantle

From CHRISTOPHER WALKER  
IN NAIROBI

MEMORIES of the bloody Mau Mau emergency in Kenya in the last days of British rule in the 1950s are being revived due to the involvement of members of the majority Kikuyu tribe in the campaign to end the one-party system and introduce democracy.

Many Kikuyu youths involved in pro-democracy riots in Nairobi on Saturday claimed they had taken over the mantle of the Mau Mau and compared their struggle to that of their forefathers. Some likened the vicious response of government troops to that of British counter-insurgency forces in the past.

The Kikuyu is the biggest of about 40 Kenyan tribes. Kenneth Matiba and Charles Rubia, the former cabinet ministers detained without trial last week, are both Kikuyu, as are some of the leading churchmen who have been publicly supporting the pro-democracy

movement. As the security clampdown has intensified, there have been accusations that the Kikuyu are again forming clandestine groups to overthrow the government and are responsible for the resurgence of a personality cult centred on the late Jomo Kenyatta, a Kikuyu who was detained for Mau Mau activities and became Kenya's first president.

The pop music charts show Kenyatta's speeches in the number one position, although the *Mzee* (Old Man) died in 1978.

Arthur Magugu, the minister of commerce, recently raised a storm by demanding that Kenyatta's portrait be removed from display in public buildings on the ground that it was not the official portrait of a head of state.

"There is no doubt that many of the Kikuyu see the present struggle as similar to that they once fought against the British," a Western expert on East Africa said. "It is being widely argued that the British left behind a constitution

when independence was granted in 1963, and that most of its freedoms have now been eroded by President Moi."

The first allegations of a reappearance of the Mau Mau (a name derived from the Kikuyu language and meaning "the enemy is coming") was in 1986, when members of the illegal Mwakenya group admitted in court to taking oaths of opposition to President Moi's one-party government.

Kikuyu sympathisers at the time were reported to be resorting to secret oath-taking ceremonies similar to those which became notorious during the insurgency in which 11,000 Mau Mau and 2,000 African civilians were killed, as well as some 800 British troops and European civilians.

Suggestions that supporters of the new multi-party movement have been involved in similar ceremonies have been circulated but not proved. "What is beyond doubt is that there has been an upsurge of Kikuyu nationalism of a type

not seen in years," a Western diplomat explained.

Most of the cassettes banned last week as subversive have been of songs in the Kikuyu language and highly critical of the government. Venues featuring Kikuyu singers have found themselves drawing record crowds. Earlier this year The Tent of the Living God, the traditional Kikuyu religious sect, was proscribed by decree.

The controversial Mau Mau connection was first made public last month when Maina Wanjigi, a prominent Kikuyu politician, was dismissed from President Moi's cabinet after being accused of comparing a government drive to expel squatters from a Nairobi slum with "Operation Anvil", a security operation by British forces in Nairobi in the 1950s.

The violent eviction of squatters from Muoroto shanty town on May 25 has become central to the pro-democracy campaign. The Rev Peter Njenga, the

Kikuyu provost of Nairobi's All Saints' cathedral, has claimed that the death of eight people during the operation was covered up.

Mr Wanjigi was accused of inflaming tribal feelings when he compared the assault with the British counter-insurgency operation to resettle members of the Kikuyu, Embu and Meru, the three tribes forming the core of the Mau Mau movement.

President Moi, a member of the minority Kalenjin tribe, has repeatedly used the argument that a multi-party system will lead to tribal violence to support the draconian measures being employed against those calling for an end to the single-party rule of his Kenyan African National Union.

Western sources maintain that deep resentment among the Kikuyu, which has helped fuel the pro-democracy movement first generated by events in Eastern Europe, has been provoked by a feeling that those who fought for

independence have not reaped the benefits of it.

"The fat cats running this corrupt government were in the front line," one Nairobi student explained. "They are the people who have come now to scoop off the cream."

In a veiled reference to the alleged revival of the Mau Mau, Abdi Ogle, the assistant national planning minister and a strong backer of President Moi, told the largely rubber-stamp parliament last Thursday: "While we respect those who fought for the independence of the country, they should know we also have the responsibility of guarding that independence."

Referring to the sensitive question of the legacy which Britain left to Kenya, he castigated critics of the Moi administration who, he claimed, had suggested that, to solve the present turmoil "people should ask the British government what we can do".

## Challenge to Moi rule as riots continue in Nairobi

From CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN NAIROBI

SPORADIC skirmishes between demonstrators and Kenyan riot police continued in some slum areas of Nairobi yesterday. On Saturday, hours of violent pro-democracy disturbances faced President Moi with the most serious challenge to his 12-year leadership since the abortive 1982 military coup.

Over an area of about a mile around the venue of Saturday's banned rally against one-party rule, groups of young protesters yesterday stoned passing vehicles and taunted police with their multi-party "V for victory" salute.

Some Western reporters narrowly escaped injury when a stone smashed through the windshield of a car. Occasional gunfire could be heard in the rundown district close to the Kamukunji sports ground where Saturday's unrest began.

The renewed violence provoked riot police with automatic rifles to mount new patrols of the almost deserted streets of central Nairobi. Plainclothes security agents were also touring the capital in Jeeps and unmarked cars.

As shopkeepers cleared the wreckage of premises looted in the early disturbances, most Kenyans predicted more violence unless President Moi and his close associates yield on their pledge not to permit any form of multiparty system to replace monopoly rule by the Kenyan African National Union (KANU).

The pro-democracy movement is sweeping other black African countries as well as Kenya. Their leaders will discuss the phenomenon at this week's summit of the Organisation of African Unity in Addis Ababa, the Ethiopian capital.

No official casualty figures are available for Saturday's unrest and there was no confirmation of rumours of deaths. Unofficially, casualties were put in the hundreds,

with several people severely hurt in trying to escape the euphemistically named General Service Unit, whose armed members could be seen beating many bleeding demonstrators unconscious with clubs and whips.

The demonstrators, who were demanding the release of Kenneth Matiba, the former cabinet minister and leader of the pro-democracy campaign, who is now detained without trial, forced some motorists to get out of their cars and give the controversial victory salute.

Before the rioting began at the scene of the pro-democracy rally, banned on President Moi's orders, there had been repeated warnings from the government to try to prevent people attending. These were ignored by crowds shouting "Let's go to the field" and calling for Mr Matiba's release.

The security forces fired live rounds in the air and repeatedly released tear gas, provoking panic and sending thousands of people charging towards central Nairobi, which was put under siege.

Western sources said the trouble could have been much worse but for the fact that tens of thousands of citizens left the capital for the weekend to seek safety in rural districts.

"I wanted to get away from the fighting, but my bus was stoned anyway," a young airline secretary said yesterday. The main target of Saturday's rioters was government property. Police vehicles and publicly-owned buses were attacked. Cars and minibuses full of people giving the victory salute careered hither-skelter, leaving several wounded pedestrians unattended at the roadside.

President Moi deliberately chose to ignore the trouble. While the rioting was at its peak he was at a luxurious wedding reception at the Diana Reef Grand Hotel on the coast near Mombasa.

After threats by the president against foreign journalists reporting the current turmoil, some of them have received anonymous telephone calls warning them to leave the country.

Paul Muite and Gibson Kuria, two of Kenya's leading radical lawyers, remained on the run as the security forces continued to seek them to confine them with the other leaders of the pro-democracy campaign who have been arrested and taken to unidentified holding centres.

A member of Mr Kuria's family said: "We have no idea where he is or if he is all right."



THE young men of Pamplona in Spain scatter as a pack of bulls charges through the city's cobbled streets yesterday in the second running of the bulls at the week-long San Fermin festival made famous by Ernest Hemingway. But some did not escape and

three people were badly injured. A 32-year-old Swede was gored in the face, a Frenchman from Blois in the buttocks, and a Spaniard in the thigh. The hospital said that 32 other runners received treatment for bruises and scrapes. On

Saturday one Spaniard was seriously gored and 58 others were injured. They and dozens of other young men tested their bravery by running before six bulls through the streets for half a mile to the city bullring. The runs take place every morning at 8 am, and the

bulls are killed in the afternoon in professional bullfights. The bull running, part of the non-stop drinking and dancing festival in honour of San Fermin, the city's patron saint, began on Saturday and continues all week. The festival, which attracts thousands

of tourists from around the world every year, was the setting for Hemingway's 1926 novel, *The Sun Also Rises*. Except in time of war, the festival has been held every year since 1591 and since then a total of 52 people have been gored to death. (AP)

## US tries again on Middle East

From SUSAN ELLICOTT IN WASHINGTON

THE United States has again expressed interest in trying to spur Israel to break the deadlock in Middle East peace talks. James Baker, the United States Secretary of State, said at the weekend he has invited David Levy, Israel's new foreign minister, to meet him in Paris later this month.

Mr Baker's announcement in a television interview was the first public sign by a senior US official that Washington believes that trying to get Middle East peace talks off the ground continues to be worthwhile. The negotiations collapsed last March, dealing a blow to Mr Baker who had devoted substantial personal time to trying to start talks between the Palestinians and the Israelis.

Mr Levy has indicated he would like to see Mr Baker, although the date would depend on how quickly Mr Levy recovers from his recent heart attack. Mr Baker provisionally suggested July 18 or 19, when he will be in Paris to meet Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet foreign minister.

Mr Baker has made it clear he wants to see Mr Levy in order to gauge how serious the Israelis are about resuming negotiations. In recent weeks, the Bush administration has voiced its mounting frustration with the lack of movement by Yitzhak Shamir, Israel's prime minister, towards resuming the peace initiative.

Mr Baker had bluntly given out the White House telephone number during testimony before Congress last month, suggesting that the Israelis should call if they were serious about peace.

The New York Times yesterday quoted a top US policy-maker as saying Mr Baker learned Mr Levy had a reputation for solving problems and wanted to see for himself.

Mr Levy, who supports Israel's retention of the occupied Arab territories, cast the deciding vote to withdraw the Israeli forces from Lebanon in 1985. Mr Shamir appointed him three weeks ago when he formed a new right-wing government. "If he can get over

the medical problem, hopefully he can get to the meeting," Mr Baker said.

The newspaper said that Mr Baker took action in response to a June 28 letter from Mr Shamir to Mr Bush, saying that he was prepared to hold talks with the Palestinians on a "name by name basis".

Mr Baker's latest move comes out of a sense that the political upheaval in Israel over the past few months has overshadowed the peace diplomacy.

In addition to the need to restart the peace initiative, Mr Baker has also responded to pressure from President Mubarak of Egypt. Egypt is anxious that the United States remain a participant in the Middle East

to deflect criticism from other Arab countries about its relationship with Washington and Israel.

Mr Shamir proposed more than a year ago a plan to open talks between Israelis and Palestinians in order to arrange elections that would give Palestinians some limited self-rule. The peace efforts stalled over the make-up of a Palestinian delegation.

Israel continues to refuse to talk directly to the Palestine Liberation Organisation, while on the other hand Arab residents of the occupied territories say that no real decisions can be taken without them and demand that one or two Palestinian deportees take part.

The administration is reportedly interested in seeing whether Israel can now draw up a list of negotiators mutually acceptable to both sides. TEL AVIV: The former energy minister, Moshe Shaleh, aged 56, declared his candidacy to lead Israel's troubled Labour party yesterday. He said he would seek agreement with the United States on a peace settlement with the Palestinians.



David Levy: invited to meet the US Secretary of State

## Liberia rebels halt to 'save civilians'

From REUTER IN ABIDJAN

LIBERIAN rebels denied yesterday that they had agreed to a ceasefire, as claimed by President Doe, and said they had halted their advance on Monrovia in order to avoid civilian casualties.

Tom Woewiyu, spokesman of the rebel National Patriotic Front of Liberia, said: "Doe is in there with a lot of civilians and is holding them hostage. What we are doing is taking precautions to make sure we can bring this madman under control without unnecessary killing of civilians."

He added: "Every entrance and every exit to the city has been closed by us." Rebel forces were within two miles of Mr Doe's heavily fortified beachfront mansion.

Mr Woewiyu said he was on his way to Freetown, the Sierra Leone capital, where he would lead the rebel delegation in tomorrow's peace talks.

The front did not send delegates to last Friday's opening session of the talks, sponsored by the Economic Community of West African States, because the rebel movement was annoyed by its attempts to impose preconditions on a peace settlement. These included blocking Charles Taylor, the front leader, from the leadership of

an interim government and sending an ECOWAS multinational peacekeeping force to Liberia to prevent reprisal killings.

He explained that there would be no reprisals against Mr Samuel Doe's Krahn tribe and the Mandingos trading community in the event of a rebel takeover, which diplomats in West Africa regard as imminent.

They fear that a rebel takeover might lead to revenge killings against the Krahn, who form the backbone of the government army, and the Mandingos, closely associated with the Doe regime.

Mr Woewiyu said: "There is no effort now to make the Krahn people or the Mandingos a subject of retribution. We have to be concerned about this because the world is watching us to see what happens."

The front had restrained its forces from entering the Krahn tribal homeland in Grand Gedeh county, near the Ivory Coast border, to avoid tribal killings and had punished some of its fighters for disobeying the "no go" order.

Mr Woewiyu said he thought Mr Doe had fewer than 500 soldiers left with him in central Monrovia and they were trying to stop civilians leaving the area.

He added that most of the rebel troops were in the Paynesville area, five or six miles southeast of the capital on the road to the wrecked international airport at Robertsfield.

He denied that the rebels had been responsible for cutting water and electricity supplies to Monrovia, a city of 500,000 people, which has been without power and running water for more than a week.

Civilian employees who maintained the water pumping station, had fled because of the fighting and there was no fuel left to run the electricity generators.

A Reuters photographer who returned from a rebel-held area on Saturday, confirmed that fuel was in short supply, with many vehicles abandoned because there was no petrol.

The photographer was allowed to proceed as far as Robertsfield airport, 30 miles from Monrovia, where he saw the burnt-out terminal building and dozens of uniforms shed by fleeing government soldiers.

The rebels would not allow him to enter the city proper.

## Israeli air raid on bases

From REUTER IN NABATIYEH

ISRAELI planes blasted bases of the pro-Iranian Hezbollah group in south Lebanon yesterday, killing two people and wounding two.

Six jets launched missiles in the third Israeli air strike on Lebanon in three days. An Israeli army spokesman said that a Hezbollah base used for launching attacks was destroyed.

The strike was mounted a day after reports that one of the European hostages in Lebanon, believed to be held by Hezbollah, would soon be released.

Soon after yesterday's attack, Hezbollah and Amal, a rival Shia militia, fought with heavy machineguns, rockets and mortars in the area. Hezbollah accused the Syrian-backed Amal of co-operating with Israel to try to wipe out its fighters.

Security sources said the planes struck the villages of Jarjouch and Ain Bouswar, 25 miles south of Beirut, at 1 pm, destroying a Hezbollah base in a two-storey house at Ain Bouswar. Hezbollah said the aircraft dropped balloons of hot air to deflect heat-seeking missiles, and Israeli artillerymen and their Lebanese allies later bombarded the villages. Yesterday's raid was Israel's 15th into Lebanon this year.

On Friday 11 people were wounded in raids on bases in north Lebanon and the Bekaa valley. In other attacks 11 people were killed and more than 70 wounded.

BEIRUT NOTEBOOK by Juan Carlos Gumucio

## Beirut gets a shock as life and lights are turned on

Like most things in Lebanon, it came without warning and had a shocking effect — literally. When Electricité du Liban came briefly to life this week, perhaps the first one to realise it was a carpenter in west Beirut's Ein el-Mreisseh district who was fixing a cable connection. He was hurled from his ladder but told his friends that it was worth the brief shock to have power again. After nearly five months of total blackout, Beirut is rediscovering electricity and, with enthusiasm, re-inventing private enterprise.

The power network from Zouk, devastated in the inter-Christian war in the north of the capital, is being repaired. Now it provides energy at random for two hours a day. Not much of a change, but the psychological effect has been great. Like the return of Middle East Airlines' jumbo jets, which no agency dared to insure for the past five years, the half-resurrection of Electricité du Liban is seen as a sign of normalisation, a small yet

promising step out of Lebanon's black hole.

But the hundreds of businessmen who have made fortunes selling generators, or the prosperous but illegal private energy companies, are not feeling threatened. Rabbiah Salam, a former restaurateur who now sells electricity — the average monthly rate for a household is £40 — to five apartment blocks in the Talet al-Khayat neighbourhood is certainly not worried. "City power will not last," he predicts. This is not because of a lack of faith in Lebanon's future but the result of a simple observation — with no solution in sight to the war between General Aoun and the Lebanese Forces militia, all ports in the Christian enclave remain closed. "How will they bring in the fuel for Zouk?" he asks with a smile.

Shots rang, people froze and for a moment it seemed the outbreak of another full-scale street battle. Policemen ran firing rifles in the air backed by a huge,

red-beretted officer cradling a machinegun with the aplomb of a Rambo. Wagner could have provided the background for the launching of Beirut's latest municipal clean-up campaign — which sadly saw the end of Abu Hassan's fruit business.

In Beirut, law enforcement can be a terrifying experience. Abu Hassan, an old fruit vendor from the south of Lebanon, was evidently too frightened to plead for mercy as the men of the Squad 16 anti-riot police unit ransacked his illegal kiosk. The tin roof collapsed, smashing a heap of ripe watermelons. Fresh bursts of automatic gunfire sent Abu Hassan's competitors fleeing. "We are cleaning up Beirut," the Rambo proclaimed. "Beirut will be beautiful."

If embellishment is the goal the city authorities have in mind, they face a monumental challenge in west Beirut's shabby Hamra Street. Tons of garbage have already been removed and the rats, some bigger than the average stray cat, are gone,

too. Word of the ruthlessness of the Squad 16 patrols has travelled and hundreds of vendors and beggars have moved to adjacent streets. But the authorities know they are up against a powerful commercial force: their retreat seems only a strategic move.

Mohamed Ali, a tough middle-aged man who makes a living selling cheap shirts, fake perfumes, Egyptian cassette tapes and peddles the most tacky collection of coffee mugs in the world, acknowledges he is in for more difficult times. But not for long: seven years in this business, he says, have taught him that every attempt to restore the finest trace of glitter to Hamra lasts two weeks at most.

When Nadia Gamal, the legendary Lebanese dancer died of cancer more than a month ago, her admirers said no woman would ever be able to take her place. But the appearance of new talent at west Beirut's most exclusive nightclub suggests that Mrs Gamal's throne may not,

after all, be vacant for long. The favourite among the coterie of wealthy Lebanese who flock to the underground floorshow at Jimmy's for a night of classical Oriental dance, imported beef, Cuban cigars and champagne, is Dany Bustros.

The bright, attractive Christian aristocrat shocked the stuffy, conservative establishment of east Beirut five years ago by quitting ballet studies in France to seek stardom in the world of belly-dancing. Then she carried on a much publicised affair with Julio Iglesias, the multi-millionaire Spanish singer.

"Life has many small changes," Miss Bustros says. It is, of course, an understatement: fleeing the inter-Christian war in east Beirut, her friends and relatives — long at war with the Muslims — now not only live in the Muslim western sector, but every night acclaim Miss Bustros as an accomplished artist. Another measure of her success: "Nobody calls me names any more."



# Tough wrangling on free trade expected at Houston summit

From Peter Stothard, US Editor, Houston

AMID the futuristic architecture of the biggest meeting room in Texas, a group of former top politicians will tonight give a gloomy lecture to those heading the world's economic powerhouses.

As George Bush, Margaret Thatcher and the rest of the leaders of the world's seven richest nations begin their summit talks on the thorny international trade barriers that still remain after three-and-a-half haggling years in the Uruguay Round of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, the so-called Eminent Persons Group on World Trade, founded just over a year ago, will accuse them of dangerous complacency. It will argue that a disintegration of trade links — and the resulting impact on the progress towards freedom and prosperity in Eastern Europe, Latin America and elsewhere — is frighteningly close.

Six of the eight participants in the Houston talks — Jacques Delors, president of the European Commission, is present as an observer — have come from the Nato summit in London, where a careful compromise was reached both to maintain nuclear deterrence and to offer hope and friendship to former adversaries.

At the economic summit, however, a no safe middle way exists between heroic success

and dismal failure, according to the group of former leaders. The members of the group include Lord Young, Britain's former trade secretary, Otto Lambrichts, the former West German economics minister, William Brock, the former US trade representative, and Paul Volcker, the former Federal Reserve Board chairman.

The group's message is one which embarrasses the G7 leaders. Compromise is what summits mostly achieve. It is hard to avoid compromise on so sensitive an issue as a nation's right to judge its own economic pathway. As one academic observer pointed out: "We have to move from the blacks and whites, at which Americans are very good, to the shades of grey, at which Europeans are very good."

The trade task at Houston is tough. Before President Bush left Washington he said a successful conclusion this year to the Uruguay Round was his priority.

Behind the attention-grabbing issues of aid for the Soviet Union and loans to Peking (on which America is happy for Germany and Japan to go their own ways), and the high-profile calls to oppose terrorism and drug traffickers, achieving the right compromises in the trade debate is what counts in the eyes of the White House.

On Saturday there was an

early sign of just how hard it might be. Between the cardboard classical arches and oil-refinery piping of the George Brown convention centre, Frans Andriessen, the European commissioner for external relations, was unveiling, "The round will not fail," he said. "The interest is too high." But success, he insisted, would be on the terms dictated by Europe's small farmers. The difference between politicians and former politicians is that the latter need no votes.

President Bush and Carla Hills, his trade representative, want more access to European markets for food from outside Europe, lower subsidies to domestic producers and reduced financial incentives for food exporters.

Mr Andriessen spoke on Saturday for every politician who has ever sought electoral support among the farmers of Europe. "The Community is prepared to negotiate how to incorporate its own system into the international system, but it is not prepared to dismantle the common agricultural policy (CAP)," he said.

All sides have only until the end of the year to set a strategy and a timetable in which real free-market agricultural reforms can take place and, with them, the reduction of industrial subsidies by the United States, the protection of Western copyrights and other intellectual property in the Third World, and the establishment of satisfactory means to resolve disputes in the future.

Without a deal on the CAP, without some slackening in the EC's zeal to make permanent what has been perhaps the most wasteful creature in capitalism's history, the Uruguay Round will, in the words of the pugnacious Ms Hills, "go up in smoke".

Enthusiasts for free trade can be forgiven their impatience. This has been the year in which liberal market doctrines have swept the new democracies of Eastern Europe and barriers of all kinds have come down everywhere. If now is not the time for a top-level impetus to boost trade and spread its benefits, then when will that time be?

The Americans are in a mood to throw their weight around. This is likely further to irritate those who say that their emerging continental trade policy, and their special retaliatory measures against those who judge protectionism, prove their readiness for the Uruguay Round to fail.

What is clear is that it is going to be a summit of rough fighting, most of it behind closed doors.

## Riding high at a Texan rodeo

From Peter Stothard, US Editor, Houston

THE hosts of the economic summit arranged a rodeo last night. For each visiting dignitary there were ostrich-leather boots, a silver-studded belt and a chance to pat the wild bulls which once made Texas famous.

Houstonians had been arguing for months about the show. Did it give the right impression of their city's style? The ballet and opera buff said "no".

Would Margaret Thatcher, Francois Mitterrand and Jacques Delors enjoy the Old West brutalities in the arena, or the wails of the Grand Ole Opry's country music stars? It seemed unlikely.

But local hesitations were to no avail. The president and his "hometown" friends had declared that this summit was to be the rebirth of Houston's international reputation after the troubled Eighties of oil price declines, job losses and crashing real estate values.

Houston's opera may be a thing of pride, its ballet unsurpassed for thousands of miles around but, in the language of international photo-opportunity, a successful Texas meat cows, horses and Dallas-style barbecues.

As one of the organisation committee put it: "We were surprised to discover that there was nothing spectacular in the formal summit programme, nothing like the sort of political convention that we're used to. But we raised \$8.5 million (\$4.76 million) from local people for entertainment and we hope that you and Mrs Thatcher won't be disappointed."

Houstonians eyes are aimed high. The summit hosts claim that they are not trying to emulate Mitterrand's display at the French bicentennial last year. "Houston, Texas, is not Paris, France," a committee member told a conference of gently inquiring reporters. But, he added: "We have better barbecuing than in Paris, better Tex-Mex food than in Paris and a better rodeo than in Paris." No one disagreed.

The city is tackling its critics head on. "To hold a summit in Houston in July is almost as stupid as holding one in Malta in December," said a sweating cameraman with vivid memories of Mr Bush's famous brush with the elements.

Ten years ago the Texas

streets were buckling like Mediterranean waves in temperatures of 104 F. This year, with temperatures in the mid-nineties, the summit has taken the slogan "Houston's Hot" and the weather centre is cheerfully advising that a threatened hurricane is unlikely to be here until August. However, Houston's socialites are not taking the risk. Despite the opportunity to rub shoulders with the leaders of the richest countries in the world, the old oil money is out of town. As one of the summit hosts put it yesterday: "To lead a rich country is just not the same as being rich; the people who like to see themselves as the social giants of this town are all in Aspen or Acapulco now — just like they are every July."

On Saturday night the welcoming parties were at the city's four main museums. This show was not for the summiteers, who had to see the Houston of cattle and cactus. It was for the media, over whose entertainment the White House had exercised a relaxed control.

A snaking chain of shuttle buses carried reporters between concrete temples of art. Surrealists, old masters and post-modernists vied to impress the hordes and, in case the pictures were not enough, there were alligator-tails, oysters, stuffed avocados and champagne.

There were excited queues for fancy chocolates and for an exhibit called the "exploratorium", a tent in which tired visitors are invited to sit and watch seeds grow.

"Rather appropriate for a summit", said a jolly lady from Los Angeles. A group of silver-haired men, with black hats and short-barrelled shotguns, nodded and seemed to agree.

Judging by votes taken in other areas and by the appeals issued to the miners by the official unions of railwaymen and metallurgical workers, the miners will not be alone. Other industrial workers will probably stop work, too, if only for a token hour or so.

Their action will be partly an expression of solidarity with the miners, but it will also be a protest against the exigencies of their own living and working conditions and against the failure of perestroika.

Any strike is an embarrassment in a country whose system is built on the glorification of the working class, particularly when it is led by a group which claims to be the quintessence of the proletariat and earns especially high wages. This strike, however, will be doubly embarrassing because it will coincide with the voting for the new leadership of a party which came to power in the name of the workers.

Through all the political discussions of recent weeks, the party



Mikhail Gorbachev and Nikolai Ryzhkov with worker and peasant delegates

## Miners fire first shot in Soviet class war

—MOSCOW—  
COMMENTARY

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Leadership has occasionally indicated its concern about the divergence between the party and the proletariat.

To a party leadership trying to persuade orthodox-minded officials to change their ways, the principle of proletarian solidarity still matters. Officials have tied themselves in ideological knots trying to explain why reality is in the political vanguard. Is it the party at its congress in Moscow appealing to the miners not to damage the economy, or is it the miners organizing their anti-government strike? Over the last year, contempt among industrial workers for the Communist party apparatus, if not for the party as a whole, has grown. Their mood was well expressed by a Leningrad worker who was in a group of workers introduced to President Gorbachev during the Russian party conference. The worker was said to have told Mr Gorbachev in no uncertain terms that he was thinking of leaving the Communist party. It was not, he said tellingly, "our sort of party any more".

Similar sentiments were voiced through the first week of the Soviet Communist party congress. Some maintain, as the Leningrad worker

inferred, that the party has become a "bourgeois party", dominated by a new middle class of educated administrators whose priorities and tastes smack of a pre-revolutionary class they thought had been eliminated. Others complain that it is the party not of the people but of the apparat, a self-perpetuating bureaucracy. The two accusations are not, in fact, very far apart or very far from the truth.

Few of the current Soviet leadership have sullied their hands for any length of time with coal, oil or heavy machinery. Their white hands and even whiter shirts, their well-cut suits and conservative ties all convey the message that these individuals have joined the new bourgeoisie and, as members of the establishment, they have an interest in retaining the status quo, not in changing it.

The spread of delegates to the party's 28th congress shows how dominated the party has become by the new middle classes. Workers number barely 11 per cent of elected delegates, full-time party workers account for more than 40 per cent, and another 20 per cent are specialists partly or fully in the pay of the party. The percentage of workers is lower than at any party congress.

Many blame the new and supposedly more democratic system of selecting delegates for what they see as the takeover of the party. Previously, congress delegates were as likely to be co-opted as elected, and elections

would normally be non-competitive and based at the workplace.

This year the leadership recommended that delegates should be directly elected by party members in constituencies. The result was that the process was removed from the factory floor and the voters did not know the candidates. Often the only familiar name on the ballot paper was the name of the local party leader who were then elected.

Having seen the results of the new system, the party leadership tried a variant of "affirmative action" and co-opted 350 workers and peasants as delegates with a "consultative vote". This, however, has been resented both by the elected delegates, because most of the co-opted workers are candidates who lost against them, and by the workers who see themselves as second-class delegates.

Mr Gorbachev's opening report, which referred to the party "while modernising the base of the party" "while continuing to rely on the workers, the peasants and the intelligentsia", only confirmed their impression that the workers' influence on the party was in decline.

A small number of delegates from the "intelligentsia" have tried to counter the growing class rift in the party by insisting that the non-workers were elected as people best equipped to speak for the workers. In the Donbass and the Kuzbass, however, the miners think differently.

## General strike called in Kosovo to protest against Serbian rule

From Richard Bassett and Dossa Trevisan in Belgrade

ETHNIC Albanians in Yugoslavia's troubled province of Kosovo called for a general strike yesterday in protest at Serbia's continuing occupation of the province.

At the same time, Serbian police broke up a meeting of the opposition Democratic Forum in Pristina, the provincial capital. As heavily armed Serbian police checked identity papers on all Kosovo roads yesterday, Western governments expressed their disapproval by boycotting a holiday reception in Belgrade given by Slobodan Milosevic, the Serbian leader, to celebrate Serbia's uprising against the Germans in 1941. Albanian shopkeepers in Kosovo protested by keeping their stores open.

The Serbian authorities, aware of the bad publicity aroused by their actions in Kosovo, have avoided describing the latest crack-down as a state of emergency.

Instead, it is seen here as only a may be a result of Serbia's constitutional prerogative as a result of "lawlessness in the region". However, the crack-down has jeopardised Yugoslavia's chances of more Western financial aid, desperately needed to salvage a crumbling economy.

Yesterday Serbian police continued to occupy the television and radio stations in Pristina. Adem Demagj, one of the leaders of the Albanian opposition, recently released from prison after 28 years, said: "This is a total occupation of our province. Such a situation cannot go on for long."

Though the ethnic Albanian opposition, which is highly organised in Kosovo, has been able to keep the streets clear of demonstrators, the possession of the media by Serbian police has cut the opposition leader's lines of communication with more radical elements. Mr

Demagj warned that there may be casualties as a result of this. He said: "We want to avoid conflict with Serbia, but if more blood is spilt Albanians and Serbs will never again be able to live together in peace."

Veton Surroi, who heads the Kosovo human rights group, told journalists: "What is now happening endangers not only Yugoslavia's internal stability, but also the stability of Europe."

The continuing unrest in Kosovo, at a time of rising tension in neighbouring Albania, underlines the region's inherent instability. A successful revolution in Albania could only encourage radical elements in Kosovo, while Serbia's refusal to open any dialogue with the Albanian opposition in Kosovo has removed the chance of a compromise.

Serbia is being increasingly isolated by its arrogance to

wards the other republics in the Yugoslav federation, and its bullying tactics have now alienated most of the country and alarmed the West.

The new powerless federal authority attempted at the weekend to hold the country together. The state presidency, under Borisav Jovic, a Serb, warned the northern republic of Slovenia that its law passed last week granting the republic full sovereignty should be rescinded.

Both Slovenia and Croatia, which has also declared sovereignty, are in favour of a loose confederation, but Serbia has rejected outright any such idea. Mr Milosevic, in one of his rare public speeches these days, warned that Serbia would also go its own way, and that this would involve the revision of frontiers. In this event, Serbia would claim territory in neighbouring republics, particularly Bosnia-Herzegovina.

## Gorbachev tactics stir up discontent at congress

From Mary Dejevsky in Moscow

PRESIDENT Gorbachev and the Soviet prime minister, Nikolai Ryzhkov, met workers and peasants attending the 28th congress of the Soviet Communist party in Moscow yesterday amid rumours of discontent over the handling of the congress at the end of its first week.

An episode on Saturday when Mr Gorbachev ensured that individual members of the leadership would not have to face formal assessments of their performance aroused particular resentment. His tactics were greeted with fury by several congress speakers and have angered Russians who saw the late-night television transmission of proceedings.

Moscow radio said it had received many calls of protest about the high-handed way in which Mr Gorbachev had successfully deflected attacks on his colleagues in the Politburo.

The controversy began at the end of the morning session, not chaired by the Soviet leader, when the congress voted by a large majority to assess individual members of the leadership, either by grading them on a scale of one to five, which is how Soviet schoolchildren are marked, or simply by satisfactory or unsatisfactory.

President Gorbachev did not share that view and took the chair for the afternoon to deliver a lecture about the damage that could be done to the party if it went ahead with the planned assessment.

"If you want to split the party, if you want to bury it," he said, wagging his finger impatiently at the delegates, "then you are going the right way about it."

After returning to the original agenda for another hour, Mr Gorbachev then proposed two alternative motions, either of which would have the effect of annulling the earlier vote.

No discussion of the motions was permitted and voting went ahead with many delegates unaware that by voting they were reversing their previous decision and making any assessment collective, if it happened at all.

When the result was announced, Mr Gorbachev relaxed noticeably. He smiled, chatted with his neighbours on the platform and oversaw the presentation of a draft congress resolution, before amiably soliciting contributions from the floor.

His mood reverted

immediately, however, when a representative of the orthodox Marxist Platform group took the microphone and lodged a formal complaint about the previous vote.

Mr Gorbachev accused the delegate of making "slandorous insinuations" about the conduct of proceedings by the presidium. Although the Marxist Platform delegate slunk away, other speakers crowded to the microphones to protest that they had already voted to assess individual Politburo members and had had no intention of overturning that decision.

By the end of the day's proceedings, Mr Gorbachev had been compelled to slightly modify his position and promise to reconsider the question later. The reasons for Mr Gorbachev's intervention are unclear, as at least two of the most critical leaders have stated their intention of leaving the Politburo, Alexander Yakovlev, head of the International Affairs Commission and a close Gorbachev ally, has said he will retire from the Politburo but remain in the presidential council. The ideology secretary, Vadim Medvedev, who has been continuously heckled, has also said that he will leave the leadership. On Saturday, Mr Medvedev was confronted by a delegate waving his red mandate card and saying "you know what a red card means in football".

If the objections from congress delegates and the Soviet public do not die down, Mr Gorbachev may find that his intervention — was counterproductive, as it was when he lectured Russian parliament deputies in an attempt to prevent Boris Yeltsin's election as president of the Russian Federation.

There is a strong desire at the congress to find someone guilty for the current crisis in the Soviet Union and have punishment exacted.

## Hungary honours Jewish victims

From Ernest Beck, IN BUDAPEST

THE 600,000 Hungarian Jews who perished in Nazi concentration camps and whose fate was largely ignored in history books under the Communist regime, were remembered yesterday in a ceremony at the unveiling of a memorial for Holocaust victims. The memorial is near the gate of the old Budapest ghetto.

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Arpad Goncz, the interim president of Hungary, told the crowd that after so many decades Jews and anti-Jews were now able to come together freely in a democratic nation to remember the crimes of the past.

"Finally, we can utter the unutterable," he said, as many in the audience wept.

Until recently the Holocaust was relegated to a short paragraph in Hungarian school textbooks and many Hungarians were afraid to admit that they were Jewish.

The unveiling coincides with the 46th anniversary of the start of the final deportation of Hungarian Jews from the Budapest ghetto to Auschwitz, Hungary, which entered the war on the side of Germany, managed to stage off the "final solution" for its Jewish population until March 1944, when German forces occupied the country.

About 450,000 Jews from provincial cities and towns were sent to the death camps, while about 200,000, mostly old people, women and children, were isolated in the Budapest ghetto. Of these, about 80,000 survived.

The foundation which organised the event said it was the first memorial of its kind in Eastern Europe to honour Jews "who died simply because they were Jewish" instead of speaking about Nazi victims in general terms as "anti-fascists".

With the resurgence of anti-semitic tendencies in Hungary the memorial has taken on special poignancy. Jozsef Antall, the Hungarian prime minister, said: "The Hungarian nation regards this period as a common tragedy which poisons the atmosphere even today, and the new democratic government accepts the responsibility to protect and ensure the Jewish community's survival."

The memorial is in the form of polished marble arches shaded by the branches of a weeping willow tree whose leaves are inscribed with the names of Holocaust victims.

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## Kuwait talks signal hope for hostages in Lebanon

By HAZRIL TEIMOURIAN AND JUAN CARLOS GUMUCIO

A VISIT to Kuwait today by Ali Akbar Velayati, the Iranian foreign minister, has boosted hopes that the key to the release of the majority of the Western hostages in Beirut may be about to be turned.

Middle Eastern sources said that a main issue to be discussed by the Iranian minister and his hosts, including Sheikh Jaber al-Ahmed al-Sabah, the Emir, will be the case of Islamic extremists convicted by Kuwait for the bombing in 1983 of the American and French embassies and Kuwaiti installations. Two of the prisoners are closely related to pro-Iranian militants in Lebanon associated with the kidnappers of the Western hostages. The prisoners' release has consistently headed the kidnappers' conditions for the liberation of their captives.

The development comes after a report by the official Iranian news agency, Irna, that the release of a European hostage could take place soon. Non-attributable reports from Beirut and Tehran said that Brian Keenan, aged 39, a former teacher at the American University of Beirut, would be the most likely candidate. Mr Keenan was abducted in west Beirut four years ago.

Dr Velayati's visit is the first by a high-ranking Iranian official to Kuwait since the Gulf War with Iraq ended in August 1988, and formalises a sudden rapprochement between the two countries, formerly regarded as bitter enemies.

## Moscow to launch US satellites

Washington — The White House, in a move that will boost the Soviet Union's international space industry, is to allow Soviet rockets to launch commercial American satellites from northern Australia (Susan Elliott writes).

According to *The New York Times*, the decision was approved last week by an inter-agency panel led by Vice-President Dan Quayle. It was in response to pressure from Australia.

The deal, which depends on approval by President Bush of a new policy covering the international sales of rocket-launching services, would also strengthen America's hand in Australasia and the Far East.

## Afghan rebels admit setbacks

Peshawar, Pakistan — The Mujaheddin Afghan resistance acknowledged here yesterday that it had suffered setbacks in the western Paghman area of Afghanistan, but denied the Kabul government's claim that it had captured the area, which is within rocket range of the capital.

Government forces were able to move in a few miles, but the rebels foiled their attempts to establish security outposts in the valley, the Mujaheddin Afghan interim government said. (AFP)

## Greece and US sign bases deal

Athens — The United States and Greece signed a new military bases agreement yesterday and Washington threw in 62 military aircraft and four naval destroyers to sweeten the pill.

Greece's conservative government, in power for the first time since 1981, took just three months to hammer out the deal, which sharply reduces the American military presence. (Reuters)

merly regarding one another as virtual adversaries on account of Kuwait's full backing for Iraq.

In Tehran yesterday the office of President Rafsanjani, whose mouthpiece the news agency is, refused to comment on the report, but sources told *The Times* that the release of "the Muslim combatants" in Kuwait would represent a breakthrough in the Iranian government's efforts to solve the hostage problem "once and for all".

Hojatolislam Rafsanjani desperately needs to placate the West in order to win financial support for his country's crumbling economy, but one reason for the failure so far of his government's efforts to win the release of the majority of the hostages is believed to be the unhappiness of Iran's Lebanese allies with the deals that Tehran has occasionally struck with Western states, including the United States and France.

While Iran has received arms or large amounts of money in return for previous releases, the kidnappers have failed to gain freedom for their comrades in Kuwait. It is this outstanding obstacle that is now thought to be nearing a resolution.

The news agency's report was not followed over the weekend by confirmation from the kidnappers that a release was in the pipeline. No group has ever claimed responsibility for Mr Keenan's abduction. But the American hostage, Frank Reed, who was released in April, said that he had shared a cell with Mr Keenan and John McCarthy, another of the four kidnapped Britons, for part of the past three years.

A group calling itself Islamic Dawn held Mr Reed. The organisation is believed to be part of Islamic Jihad, the pro-Iranian network of militants which started kidnapping US subjects in 1985 to win American pressure on Kuwait for the release of 17 bombers. Two of these have been released after completing five-year sentences, and none of those among them who were condemned to death have been executed.

If Iran were now to succeed in winning an amnesty for the remaining 15 prisoners, it would not only open the prospect of better relations with the West, but would also drive a wedge between Saudi Arabia and other Gulf states.

British contact: The Foreign Office was keeping in close touch yesterday with the Irish government in case there was any news about the possibility of Mr Keenan's release (Michael Evans writes).

Yesterday a Foreign Office official said: "We are keeping our fingers crossed and waiting to see what happens." Mr Keenan has dual nationality.

Meanwhile, Sheikh Mohammad Mahdi Shamseddin, vice-president of the Supreme Islamic Shia Council of Lebanon, was reported to have confirmed that Terry Waite, the Archbishop of Canterbury's special envoy, kidnapped in Beirut in January 1987, was still alive.

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## Dart Man joins list of perils lurking in New York streets

From CHARLES BRENNER IN NEW YORK

AS IF muggers, pickpockets and crack addicts are not enough to worry about, a bizarre new species has joined the perils lying in wait for the pedestrian in Manhattan. Thanks to the headline writers, he is known as Dart Man.

This person, described as black and in his mid-thirties, has made a specialty of stalking well-dressed young women in the district around Fifth Avenue and Broadway and shooting homemade darts through a blowpipe at their posterior. Since June 26, more than 50 white women have reported attacks to police. None suffered more than a skin puncture.

An outsider might think that, given the unprecedented level of violence in New York — on Saturday, the 20th taxi

driver was shot dead this year — the antics of Dart Man would scarcely rate a twitch.

However, the fear that the darts could carry Aids has prompted alarm and caused many women to wear thick shorts or old-fashioned girdles. Dart Man, who lurks in doorways, chooses only women wearing well-tailored skirts. "Standards of dress have subtly shifted in midtown Manhattan," noted *The New York Times*. "And for once the culprit is not an avant-garde French designer."

The police have filled the streets with elegantly attired women detectives. Shops have been asked to report men buying sewing needles. The attacker glues paper fins to them before shooting them through a large-calibre drink-



Victory salute: Schönhuber signalling his joy after re-election as leader of Germany's far-right Republican party

## Pretoria arrests whites

From RAY KENNEDY IN JOHANNESBURG

THREE leading right-wingers were reported yesterday to be among several people detained by police amid signs of a growing backlash of violence by extremist white groups opposed to the ending of apartheid.

The arrests were made on Friday in a series of pre-dawn swoops in the Johannesburg area. Hours later 26 blacks were injured when a bomb exploded in a rubbish bin at a taxi rank in the city.

The police refused to identify those arrested but said they were being held under the Internal Security Act, which allows suspects to be held indefinitely without access to lawyers. Newspapers, however, yesterday named the three as Leonard Veenendaal, aged 24, Darryl Stofthof (both wanted in Namibia for murder), and David Roodenberg. Veenendaal and Roodenberg are former members of the neo-fascist Afrikaner Resistance Movement, but have now joined even more extremist groups.

Mr Veenendaal and Mr Stofthof were to stand trial for murder in Namibia last year after an attack on a security guard was killed. They escaped from police custody in December, when another policeman was killed, and were sheltered by South African right-wingers until Namibia became independent last April 1, when extradition treaties between the two countries lapsed.

Joe Payne of Alberton, near Johannesburg, with whom Mr Veenendaal has been staying, described the police raid, saying: "There were about thirty of them. They brandished guns and ransacked the house. But Leonard spent the night at Darryl's (Stofthof's). They (the police) timed everything with military precision, arriving at Darryl's house at the same time and detaining them."

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## Expelled Schönhuber returns to far-right party as leader

FROM AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE IN RUHRSTORF, WEST GERMANY

FRANZ Schönhuber, a former Waffen SS member, was re-elected president of the extreme-right Republican party at the weekend.

Herr Schönhuber, aged 67, the co-founder of the party, was re-elected on Saturday, the first day of the party's congress, by 376 votes to 179 for his opponent, Emil Schlee, with two abstentions and six votes deemed null and void.

The party, which is on the verge of disintegration due to a vehement dispute between its moderate wing led by Herr Schönhuber, and its extreme

neo-Nazi faction, also approved the moderate programme presented by Herr Schönhuber.

In a vain attempt to stop Herr Schönhuber's re-election, the extremists left the meeting room just before the decisive vote so as to deprive the congress of a quorum.

Herr Schönhuber had resigned as president of the Republicans late last month in the face of internal opposition to his leadership after the party's poor showing in the regional elections in May. A week ago he was expelled from

the party by the movement's arbitration committee, but he was re-admitted by the same body on Wednesday.

About 20 people staged a brief protest outside the congress hall.

BONN: An overwhelming majority of Germans want Berlin as capital of a united Germany, a poll said. Three-quarters of West Germans and more than nine out of 10 East Germans asked said Berlin should be the capital city soon after unification, according to the Wickert Institute survey. (Reuters)

## Tension rises in Kashmir as army moves in

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

THE Indian Army took direct control of large areas of Kashmir yesterday under sweeping emergency measures, creating new fears among the predominantly Muslim population of an even more ruthless crackdown.

The move comes at a time when a large number of militant organisations are believed to be discussing a joint armed campaign to force India to accept a United Nations-sponsored plebiscite on Kashmir's future. For the first time a clear leadership structure is beginning to emerge from a chaotic array of several dozen groups vying for dominance.

The Delhi government faces a threatened revolt by large numbers of Muslim officials in the state administration in protest at alleged atrocities by the Hindu-majority security forces against civilians.

An engineering union, representing 10,000 workers employed by the state government, staged a sit-in at the administration's headquarters in the Kashmir valley, demanding the release of thousands of Kashmiris detained under emergency regulations. The move was backed by some of the state's leading civil servants. The government refuses to reveal how many people are imprisoned, but the figure is certainly well in excess of 10,000 and may be as high as 15,000.

The military has shoot-on-sight powers during curfew hours which have undoubtedly resulted in large numbers of deaths of innocent people. Unofficial estimates put the number of people killed by security forces since January at about 1,000, while militant organisations are said to have killed several hundred

people labelled as informers. A new hostage crisis heightened tension at the weekend. The militant Jammu and Kashmir Students Liberation Front threatened to kill Farooq Ahmed, aged 23, the son of the deputy commissioner of state capital Srinagar, unless two of its members were released from prison.

A civil disobedience campaign has been launched by four leading members of the Kashmir Bar Association, which says the Muslim population is powerless to defend itself against the security forces. The move enjoys widespread support and is certain to disrupt the workings of the state government even further.

In this volatile atmosphere, the government's political initiative seems doomed to failure. In an attempt to improve the climate yesterday, it announced huge new expenditure designed to boost the state's damaged economy. The funds will be spent primarily on helping small farmers and reviving the handloom and handicraft industry, which used to employ large numbers of young people, especially in carpet-making.

The government, however, shows no inclination to moderate its hardline policy. It has abolished a special court in Srinagar that dealt with alleged terrorists, and moved sole responsibility for terrorist cases to Jammu, Kashmir's predominantly Hindu second city, where Muslim defendants find it almost impossible to find an acceptable lawyer. It is also difficult to persuade defence witnesses to make the journey.

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## Friends of the family

Ronald Butt

This week an International Congress for the Family will take place in Brighton, the 16th event of its kind but the first to be held in Britain. The proposition "for" is all-important. The common ground of the congress is that it supports the family in its traditional, marriage-based form. That is why the absence of bodies such as the Family Planning Association and Relate (formerly the Marriage Guidance Council) can hardly be mourned. A large part of the FPA's activities have long extended well beyond the family and include the kind of sex education which both separates sex from marriage and lays down only one absolute injunction: do what you wish as long as you know the facts, but use contraception.

Similarly, the former Marriage Guidance Council changed its name to demonstrate that the preservation of marriage was no longer its essential objective. Yet over the weekend, one of its spokeswomen regretted that it had not been invited to Brighton. (The organisers of the congress say that Relate was invited last year, with other organisations, but showed little interest.) The terms in which Relate regretted its absence are themselves illuminating. It was, said the spokeswoman, "very important not to push on people one particular approach to family life" — in other words, not to push a belief in marriage as the basis of family. She was worried that the conference would "promote an authoritarian view of family life. The last thing we need is a judgmental attitude." Which means we should avoid asserting the conviction that marriage is more likely than other arrangements to assist human fulfilment.

The congress will be opened formally by the Princess of Wales, which is also a cause of chagrin among those who wish to redefine the family. Despite the consistently warm and non-judgmental concern the Princess has shown for all children and for one-parent families, there appear to be some people who think that any specific support for marriage detracts from royal neutrality.

Still more annoyance may be given by the speech which Mother Teresa is to make. Many of those who are eager to enlist her concern for the homeless in support of their own political explanation of this phenomenon of misery in our cities may be much less eager to welcome her belief that the family is the natural unit of society, providing the best means we have of understanding our better nature and the place where our attitudes to others are shaped and the young are cared for and learn to care for others. For all the common human frailties shared by the individuals in any family, its influence on character formation is a force for good far beyond its own boundaries, and its break-up harms society as a whole.

This is, however, a concept towards which large numbers of opinion-formers, who would de-

scribe themselves as liberal, are deeply hostile. Faced with incontestable evidence that the family which was predominant until, say, 25 years ago is breaking down, they see their own obligation as being to avoid seeming censorious. This attitude is natural since the erosion of marriage is part of a wider cultural revolution which they themselves have promoted and which is usually described under the not very satisfactory heading of the permissive society. Today, unmarried single mothers prosper in the media their pride in having elected to bring up a child without a father. Retrospect, once the mark of the importance society attached to the sexual relationship, has been abandoned under the false accusation of prudery. In the adolescent's growing awareness there must often be only a hazy distinction between the quasi-pornographic influences around him, not least on television, and the sexual freedom to which he is invited to help himself.

All this inevitably affects attitudes towards marriage. Already a quarter of all the children in Britain are born outside wedlock and according to a study by the Family Policy Studies Centre, only half of all children in the country will be brought up in traditional families by the end of the decade. The others will either grow up with unmarried couples (whose commitment to each other is uncertain) or with single parents who may be divorced or may never have married. This unhappy scene is now often viewed fatalistically, and talk of redefining the family is the vogue. I have even heard a Roman Catholic priest speak of the church's need to rethink its attitude to the distinction between marriage and cohabitation. It is no longer regarded as respectable to voice any criticism of cases of casual divorce or the rising number of women pregnant by men who then move on.

The government thinks of trying to make divorce less easy and of finding ways of obliging divorced fathers to pay for their children when they fail to do so. That, however, merely skims the surface of the problem, ignoring the cases of those who have never been married and the culture which undermines respect for the family. Likewise, talk of homelessness is without meaning unless it is recognised that family breakdown contributes significantly to it, just as the lack of a stable and affectionate family home so often forces the social rejects who turn to drug addiction and to crimes of violence.

Nothing substantial will be achieved except by a cultural counter-revolution. For that we have to rely not on governments or on the "liberal" pressure groups who would only corrupt the idea of the family by redefining it, but on the insight and the conviction of ordinary people. Perhaps they can begin that revolution this week in Brighton.

...and moreover

## MATTHEW PARRIS

During my days as an MP, my constituency included a village called Atlow Through Aflow flows the Henmore Brook. Upstream from the village, the Severn Trent Water Authority decided to create a huge lake, held back by an earth dam, to be called Carsington Reservoir... or "Reserv-Oyah", as a local farmer friend pronounced it. "It's Reserv-wah," I corrected him. "After all, how would you pronounce a-b-a-t-t-o-l-e?" "Slaughter-house," he said.

I digress from the point, which is that many people living below the dam feared it might give way, and they would drown. Engineers consulted as expert advisers assured us that this was scientifically impossible. My political advisers supplemented this comforting news with the thought that if the dam did slip, the ensuing flood would remove the council estate in Ashbourne, adding to my Conservative majority.

My majority being very large already, I was able to reply that this approach was beneath us. Anyway, the question did not arise: science had proved it. So objections were overridden as "unscientific". Plans were passed, the dam was constructed, and some years later but before the reservoir had started to fill, arrangements were put in hand for her Majesty the Queen to open it.

Then the dam slipped. It just fell right down, all at once, in an almost £100 million slither. A remarkable job has since been made of minimizing news of the collapse, and whoever is responsible for Severn Trent's publicity deserves a knighthood for services to the international reputation of British civil engineering.

Severn Trent came up with a new design and decided to apply for permission to reconstruct. "Don't worry," I said to a worried man at his gate. "Scientists are quite certain that this design is safe. And they say that even the first dam would never have slipped if there had been water behind it."

"Do they?" he replied. "But at the beginning they said it wouldn't slip at all. Why should

we believe them this time?" Why should we believe them this time? I could not answer him then, and cannot now. It is a question which haunts a wider territory than Carsington. And I expect that those of us who persist in asking it will be called "anti-science".

Are we? Or is not this the most scientific question you can ask? Is it not the ultimate empirical inquiry? If the pragmatic approach has value when applied within science, surely it has value when applied to science. Never mind why the grander scientific explanations have usually proved wrong: let us acknowledge simply that in the past they have, and act upon it.

Scientists' advice has been most regularly proved right when applied to what is most immediate. I would ask a scientist which crops will prosper in which soils. But as to why a desert is advancing and how a change in climate might be reversed, science has a hopeless record. The smaller the frame, the more reliable the observations within it have proved.

So when I doubt the conventional scientific wisdom on Aids, the ozone layer or the greenhouse effect, do not ask me to substitute a superior wisdom. I cannot. I merely observe that in their early reaction to global phenomena, scientists were almost always wrong, and it is my very scientific instinct to doubt them now. Here is an item from the *Sunday Telegraph* of April 21, 1968, headlined "Strange Case of Climate Shift".

The rain, cold and thunder predicted for the next three weeks are as nothing compared with the harsh long-range forecasts predicted by some weather experts... Professor Gordon Manley, climate expert at Lancaster University, explained: "It looks as if 1950 was a peak."

...there are signs that the glaciers may be advancing again. Doctor James Lodge, of the National Centre for Atmospheric Research in Boulder, Colorado, suggested that this may be the first signs of another ice age on the way...

Tell them in Atlow.

# The South Africa I aim to build

F.W. de Klerk spells out his negotiating position

South Africa's main concern today is not sanctions but negotiating a better future for all. We are living with sanctions, but if the international community were to re-evaluate them we would be better placed to redress social and other problems not only at home but throughout the whole subcontinent.

South Africa sees itself as an integral part of that sub-continent, both politically and economically. We already have extensive contacts in economic and technological fields, including a customs union with Botswana, Lesotho and Swaziland. I believe the new South Africa, with its vibrant economy, will offer the region a window of opportunity. We see South Africa as a partner with all our neighbours — not unlike the European Community. With its natural, human and other resources, southern Africa could become an important engine of economic progress for the whole, depressed continent.

We believe that free enterprise, a proven system capable of generating new wealth and new opportunities, is the key to economic progress. However, the African National Congress and others equate free enterprise with apartheid, and consequently advocate nationalisation of industry as guaranteeing redistribution of

wealth. The experience of Eastern Europe, and Africa's own experience with various forms of a controlled economy, show that nationalisation does not work. I believe that by educating the entire South African population on the merits of the free enterprise system, by broadening private ownership and by stimulating business development, we can create wealth and opportunities for all.

The aim should not be to slice the cake into smaller portions, but to make a bigger cake. That is why we have adopted the economic policies of deregulation and privatisation. Economic growth is one of the most essential elements in bringing about a new, stronger, better South Africa.

My greatest hope is to bring about a just and fair South Africa by peaceful means. The greatest danger is for radicalism and escalating conflict to get out of hand. While firmly and fairly maintaining law and order, we must, therefore, strive for consensus, lifting our gaze above the immediate blocks presented by self-interest, exaggerated expectations and fear.

In this endeavour, I believe I

can work with Mr Nelson Mandela and other leaders in negotiating a new constitution on the basis of give and take. In our discussions, Mr Mandela has been friendly and dignified. After our meetings, he has kept his word. I believe him to be a man who prefers peace to violence.

There is no doubt in my mind that the overwhelming majority of South Africans are in favour of the kind of peaceful change I would like to bring about with the help of Mr Mandela and other leaders with a proven support base. We have a mandate from white South Africans to extend democracy to include all South Africans in a new constitutional dispensation. The fact that I could sit down with an ANC delegation for three days in May testifies to the will of the South African people to give peace a chance.

I believe that within black politics there is growing acceptance — even among those who have used violence as a method of policy — of the government's integrity in negotiating a common future. The time of violent confrontation is past. All of us share some common ground in realising that peace is the only

option. Once the negotiation process has gained momentum — and the government is eager for the process to start as soon as possible — the search for consensus will replace the polarisation of the past.

Throughout my political career, I have never used the term "apartheid" in a positive sense. Over the years, it became clear that apartheid, however well intentioned it might have been, could not work. Racial discrimination could not be justified in either political or economic terms. We now want to work out a just and equitable system for all, but at the same time make sure that those who have enjoyed full freedoms do not forfeit them. That is why the National party repeatedly emphasises, in addition to universal franchise, the principle of non-domination and the protection of the rights and

A franchise based on a common voters' role in an otherwise undifferentiated and unqualified system of political representation must lead inevitably to majority domination of minorities. History has ample examples of the tension, frustration and conflict that

unavoidably go together with the domination of closely knit minority groups.

A constitutional system based on the "winner-takes-all" approach is therefore not the answer to South Africa's complexities. It does not provide for adequate protection of minorities, nor for the cultural, religious and language differences among South Africans. However, a universal adult franchise within a system into which constitutional mechanisms of protection are built is indeed an achievable possibility.

Protection of minorities, I hasten to add, does not mean protection of privileges nor continued domination by a minority. It does, however, mean protection against the abuse of power by the majority.

To repeat, I am in favour of universal adult franchise within a constitutional dispensation based on the principle of non-domination with the following inbuilt mechanisms: the decentralisation of power, devolution of authority to lower levels, constitutional checks and balances, decision-making by consensus and an independent judiciary. In addition, I stand for a bill of rights. Taken together, these elements will pave the path to a fair and just South Africa.

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## Lies, slander, cowardice: now a requiem to irrelevance

Bernard Levin writes an epitaph to the British Communist Party and its fellow lackeys throughout the West

I own to great glee in watching the destruction of the Communist parties of the West; heaven knows I have spent enough hours watching their life throes, and vile indeed some were. My memories go back to Harry Pollitt, perhaps the only decent human being — well, half-decent — who ever filled the post of general secretary of the British party. (Its general level of indecency may be measured by the fact that he was sacked from the job and expelled from the party because, at the beginning of the second world war, he urged resistance to Hitler. Hitler was Stalin's friend, and therefore the CP's friend; not until the two fell out were members of the CP allowed to disapprove of the Führer.)

But even from pre-Pollitt days the party had one, and only one, function, one duty, one purpose, one activity. It was to say that everything Stalin did was right and good, and when Stalin died it was to say that everything his successors did was good and right. And this duty it carried out with absolute literalness: nothing that happened in the Soviet Union, however trivial or peripheral, could be criticised in even the mildest terms.

Much fun was had at the party's expense because of this, but the CP was not a joke. There was deep, real evil in it: at the time of the notorious ETU ballot-rigging case in 1961, men like Foulkes and Haxell hounded honourable trade unionists with abominable slanders (Les Cannon's life was significantly shortened by the campaign). For year after year, decade after decade, no lie was too vile, no cheating too inexcusable, no perjury too shameful, no whoring after mass murder too staining. Even the wholesale slaughter, in the 1940s and '50s, of the communist leaders of the Soviet empire, Stalin's most loyal servants, was praised by the swine of the British CP.

Across the Channel, the same thing was happening, and there the CP was a mass movement, at least as dishonest as ours, and much more powerful and violent; French democracy came very close to being toppled when the party took to the streets at the end of the war. The earlier French communist leaders included a few

men of quality, but these had no party progeny, since 1972 the hopeless Marchais has presided over a party that once had the largest number of deputies in the National Assembly, now down to a shrivelled handful.

Long after the British party had nerved itself to say that not absolutely everything said or done by Brezhnev was absolutely perfect (though of course practically everything was), Marchais was still reciting his mantra: whatever the Soviet Union does is right. (Not even Khrushchev's denunciation of Stalin in the "secret speech" caused the French party to waver, though the British one did, for a while at any rate.) Again and again, as the party crumbled, one of its leading members would announce a challenge to Marchais, but when it came to a clash the contender always ran away, as feeble and cowardly as our miners faced with the destruction of their union by Scargill.

The British CP danced a tightrope with immense skill: the witness of Togliatti (almost the only leading figure to survive Stalin's killing of the "outside" communist leaders who had taken refuge in Moscow during the war) did not stretch quite far enough for him to break with Stalin, but he paved the way for Berlinguer to shift the party and begin the immense task of uncoupling it from Stalinism.

Gradually, tugging its forelock and asking permission at every step, the British party began to move away from its own ironclad rule that whichever murderous bonehead was running Russia was a great genius as well as a great democrat. They did not, of course, actually criticise, but, beginning with the crushing of the Prague Spring, they began to say that things might have been — well, not better handled, but, er, differently.

Even that enraged the pre-Gorbachev Soviet leaders; the *Morning Star*, which had survived for many years solely on subvention from Moscow, suffered the indignity of sending its regular



consignment of copies only to see them thrown away. (Worse was to come: Gorbachev ended the subvention itself.)

And then the empire fell. Suddenly, the CP had no *raison d'être*; suddenly it had nothing to do — perish the thought — with any earlier organisation of the same name; suddenly its general secretary is a sweet little girl, who, if pressed, is perfectly willing to admit that Stalin was not really very nice and that murdering millions of people is certainly counter-productive and even pro-

bably sort of like actually you might say if you see what I mean as it were, wrong. (Mind you, if Gorbachev falls and is put on trial as a fascist and an American spy, she will probably shake her pretty little head and say that although such charges are undoubtedly exaggerated she had thought all along that there was something rather odd about him.)

And now? Our CP, which claims that it has 7,000 members (the old rule, when the annual figures were announced, was to divide by three, and I see no

reason to abandon the formula, except now, perhaps, to divide by five), is debating with itself (well, it has nobody else to debate with) as to its future, if any. It seems that there are three possible ways to power; first, keep the party as it is, but with a different structure (whatever that might mean); second, announce that it is a socialist party and will work for socialism (whatever that might mean) alongside the Labour party; third, stop calling itself a party and call itself a political association (whatever that might mean) instead.

One thing, I am delighted to see, has not changed at all: the wonderfully costly and meaningless prose that the party's spokespeople are chained to for ever. This is how our sweet young leaders, the very embodiment of a new era for British communism, laid out the options in an interview with *The Independent*:

My own personal preference would be for the reform of the party, but with the objective of trying to set up a wider association, not throwing away the resources we have, to establish discussion groups and to formalise that to make it a political movement in its own right.

And I hope it keeps fine for you, darling. But I fear that it won't. The truth is that there is simply no room in the spectrum for the new-style CP. The groupuscules of the left, from Vanessa's Looies to that bournie from which no traveller returns, have filled every chink with their splinters of left-wing thought, all absolutely identical to all the others, yet each denouncing all the others as traitors to the cause. On the saner side of the street, the Labour party has no need of an alliance with an outfit that amounts to nothing more than a couple of thousand OAPs plus our sweeties; they could join Labour, of course, but the CP must disappear entirely. The long trail has petered out. For more than half a century the CP did nothing but harm and wickedness; from then on it did nothing at all. Now there is nothing for it to do. I recall a line from a play by Dennis Canner: "I won't say 'Goodbye', because it means 'God be with you', and I don't believe in God. So I'll say farewell, though I hope you don't."

## Hot stuff from Pickles

Never far from controversy, Judge James Pickles will again stir things up when he delivers his swansong next year. In his memoirs, to be published as he departs from the judicial circuit, he will launch an attack on the police and the legal establishment. "At the moment I am only free to say about 80 per cent of what I think, but with this book I will be able to express myself with complete frankness," says Pickles. In particular, he

Thats just the beer talking

hopes to antagonise his old adversary, the former lord chancellor, Lord Hailsham, who describes him in his new autobiography as "absurd and obscure". Pickles says: "I will retaliate. I shall take him apart. He embodies the three Cs, conservatism, conformity and complacency. I think he has had a depressing influence on the legal profession."

Although Pickles is not obliged to retire until 1997, when he will be 72, he is happy to go early to let off steam about the legal system. "A serving judge is inhibited in what he says by the nature of the

job," says Pickles — not that anyone has noticed. He currently faces possible disciplinary action by Lord Mackay, the lord chancellor, for responding with a press conference in a pub after the Court of Appeal overturned his jail sentence on a young unmarried mother. Lord Mackay has only himself to blame. On his appointment he abolished the restrictions on judges talking freely to the media.

## Flapping away

With the 50th anniversary of the Battle of Britain imminent, this week's Parliamentary Pilot of the Year Competition is particularly timely. Ten Tory MPs, with varying levels of flying experience, will sweat it out in a simulator at Luton airport programmed to land a Boeing 767 at Hong Kong's Kai Tak airport, one of the world's most difficult. "We have to fly towards a chequerboard painted on a mountain, turn sharp right and land safely," says Gerald Howarth, a former winner who has undergone an intensive training programme in an attempt to wrest the title from the reigning champion, Keith Mans, who flew Vulcan bombers in the RAF.

Both are thankful that Norman Tebbit, who was a BOAC pilot before entering politics, has been grounded by a previous commitment. Other MPs pitting their wits against the computer include Philip Oppenheim, Tim Kirkhope and Michael Colvin. Those who fear they might put the 767 into the South China Sea or a Kowloon tenement will be given the softer option of touching down at Birmingham.

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● The organisers of this week's music festival in the Irish village of Adare, Co. Limerick, were delighted to secure the services of such crowd-pulling artists as *Flanitz* James Galway and pianist Barry Douglas, along with the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra. They erected a 2,000-seat marquee and waited for the swiftest to light up with advance bookings. Silence. "Nobody knew it was happening," a spokesman admits. "We were so busy booking the artists, we forgot to publicise the event." Now a hastily assembled team is feverishly selling tickets in advance of Friday's opening concert.

## Wounding Heal

Stiffly Heal, who won Midlands for Labour in the March by-election, is having to bite the band that fed. Beavering away in the former Tory stronghold, she is supporting villagers in the picture-postcard Stowe-by-Charley who are campaigning to prevent the owner of the historic local mansion and

estate turning it into a leisure complex of golf course, hotel and equestrian centre.

It's a familiar enough scenario. But although David Unwin is a millionaire businessman — he made his money out of transport and plant hire — he is also a Labour supporter. During Mrs Heal's by-election campaign he displayed a "Vote Labour" sticker on his Mercedes and ferried Neil Kinnoch around the constituency in his helicopter. When Charles Prior, the Tory candidate, jauntily called at Charley Hall expecting a warm Thatcherite welcome, Mrs Unwin gave him an earful on the evils of high interest rates. Although she regrets antagonising Unwin, Mrs Heal says: "I have to put the interests of the majority of my constituents first."

## Rhonda's return

A Northern Ireland loyalist kept old antagonisms alight with celebrations this week marking the 300th anniversary of the Battle of the Boyne. Ian Paisley's daughter Rhonda is about to heal a breach.

In November she walked out of her job as hostess of BBC Northern Ireland's Saturday late-night series, *The Show*, after the inaugural programme featured a skit on her father by a spoof clergyman clothed in carving of a nude woman. Friends said she felt "betrayed, conned and duped" by the BBC. Now, however, she is about to move to London to become a researcher for *Kilroy*, the discussion programme which, though made by an outside company, goes out on BBC1.

Like her father she is a Democratic Unionist, but filial loyalty does not extend to sharing all his

views. She recently left the Free Presbyterian Church, of which he is moderator, and a few years ago she outraged Ulster Protestants by supporting a plan to erect a statue of two prostitutes in Amelia Street, once the heart of Belfast's red-light district.

## Beaten to the draw

Expected triumphs did not materialise during the Pavarotti-Domingo-Carerras concert in Rome on Saturday night, but there might have been some at the BBC. Traditionally the Beeb has first refusal on such prestigious events, and Alan Venturi, controller of BBC2, made no secret of wanting it. In the event, he was beaten to the negotiating table by Michael Grade, his former colleague and now chief executive of Channel 4. The concert was the first time the world's top three tenors had shared the same platform. "It was a convivial with lots of handshakes and embracing," says Melvyn Bragg, who introduced it. "But it was not lost on the organisers that the venue was where the Roman emperor Caracalla murdered his brother." The fact will not have been lost on Venturi, either.

● Who would be a royal stand-in? Deputising for the Prince of Wales, the normally reserved Angus Ogilvy attended the Prince's Youth Business Trust exhibition in Hyde Park the other day at which he was obliged to try on a *Rastafarian* hat, hold up a sign of *lingerie* for critical inspection, and then brush off a cloud of white powder that someone sent cascading over his pinstriped suit. Almost worth breaking an arm to miss.

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## EDUCATION

A report suggests Britain's brightest children are not being properly encouraged. Melanie Whitehouse talks to a psychologist with a plan for action

## Young, gifted and neglected

Angela Rumbold, the education minister, and Dr Joan Freeman, a leading psychologist, fear that many of Britain's brightest children are being cheated of the right to achieve their potential in school.

Dr Freeman, who founded the European Council for High Ability (ECHA) three years ago, has joined forces with Mrs Rumbold to develop a new policy for Britain's gifted youngsters. Mrs Rumbold is extremely keen on this, Dr Freeman says.

Meanwhile, the minister is considering a report from the National Association for Gifted Children (NAGC), which she describes as "a bit fuzzy around the edges about the identification of giftedness". The survey was commissioned 15 months ago because the government wanted to discover how highly able youngsters were faring.

"I am not sure it has given us the answer we were looking for," Mrs Rumbold says. "There is a tendency for the report to concentrate on areas such as mathematics, science and music and a bit of dance. The overall impression I got was that while people acknowledge that there are children who are able and need to be fast-tracked, the system does not cater particularly well. There must be a lot of children who have talents which are not being spotted."

But Michael Short, the NAGC's director, denied the report was "fuzzy". He said the "Survey of Provision in Local Education Authorities for the Gifted Child" had been commissioned to give an objective statement of provision, rather than to comment on good practice. Only 66 of 108 local authorities surveyed responded, but it was a very good report, he said. "My predecessor, John Welch, did an excellent job."

Mrs Rumbold says she would prefer more research. "It would be interesting to have a more detailed and better defined piece of research, which business and industry could sponsor, into how you spot children with gifts. Industry is always banging on about not having enough talent coming out of the system."

"I would not want to put money from the government into anything until I knew exactly what we were likely to achieve and whether or not there was a likelihood of achieving it."

Mrs Rumbold believes that the national curriculum should help by allowing brighter children to pass through the education system at their own pace.

"It would be worth looking at the idea of some acceleration classes for some brighter children," she says. "You want able children to get through the system quickly. You do not want them to be stifled because they switch off school. Then they turn their talents elsewhere, to bunking off, for example."

"If you compare our children studying science with those on the Continent, you will find the brighter continental children are about two years ahead. Our children are not dimmer than continental children, they just need to be taken through processes at their own pace rather than slowed down."

Dr Freeman's ECHA, based in Utrecht in The Netherlands, crosses the boundaries of East and West Europe, bringing together psychologists, researchers and educationalists concerned with



Eager to help bright children: "Society needs them in order to survive," says Dr Joan Freeman

developing human ability to its highest level at all ages. The council's members are talking to several governments about setting a European policy for the highly able, but Dr Freeman considers Britain is lagging way behind and its children are the losers.

"The Dutch are certainly involved and the West Germans are pouring money into their brightest children," she says. "Volkswagen is starting a postgraduate college for the training of teachers to teach bright children. I do not think we have even got a course

in this country catering for that." There are several schools for talented children with specific skills, such as Chetham's and the Yehudi Menuhin schools for music, and a number for art and drama. But gifted children with other abilities in academic sub-

jects, and particularly those at state schools, often slip through the net.

Dr Freeman, who has written a number of books on psychology and school-related subjects, says: "We, as a very rich society, should give our children an appropriate education for their abilities which would enable them to function to the limits of their potential."

"Our society needs these children in order to survive. They will become functioning and well-balanced members of the community and bring in new ideas."

In Britain there are now about 35 local education authorities out of a total of 104 which employ someone with official responsibility for bright youngsters and provide, free, special tuition in the summer holidays.

In 1989, Her Majesty's Inspectors reported that able pupils were not being sufficiently stretched in most schools. Westminster City Council was so concerned that the Inner London Education Authority had not done enough for high ability students that it set up a working party which will report in January. A council official said: "We are trying to see how mainstream schools can provide a good service to children of high potential."

The borough already has the successful Centre for Young Musicians at Pimlico Comprehensive and the council is keen to emulate it in other subjects included in the national curriculum.

Dr Freeman's ideas on the 'crème de la crème' of brainy

youngsters are unconventional and at odds with many parents' views of their offspring.

"You will read that gifted children need less sleep than other children and also that their sleep is disturbed. I do not know of one shred of evidence for that."

"The only research I know of on this subject is mine. I asked the parents of hundreds of children about sleeping habits and related that to age, sex and lifestyle. I found that the number of hours children sleep is generally related to their age and has no relationship with their measured IQ whatsoever."

So how does a parent tell whether their child could be rated as having high ability? The answer is in what Dr Freeman calls the "symbolic skills" of reading, writing, arithmetic and talking.

"You see, these are very good indicators as to whether they are advanced for their age. But there are two other things that small children will do and parents will notice. They are memory and concentration. If you have a two-year-old who can concentrate for half an hour, then that is quite a good sign. If you have a child who has an extraordinarily memory memory, that is another."

"Boys and girls talk at different ages. If you have a baby who can produce a sentence with a verb and noun at the age of one, that is a good sign. Some can, if a two-year-old can manage a paragraph it has to mean more than just the ability to recognise the word."

"Then there are also things it is more difficult for parents to get a grip on, such as empathy, and the ability to retain ideas and hold them, despite 'everybody' else telling you they are wrong."

"I insist behaviour is not an aspect of giftedness and that emotion and IQ are not related. You get people mixing up personality and intelligence."

## When being a student's parent is an art in itself

NERVOUS breakdowns among middle-aged suburban parents are at their highest in the early summer. An invitation falling through the letterbox from an offspring who has not been seen for three years is just the beginning.

Show time for fine arts degree students means private views full of right-on talking dinner jackets, curly, waxed moustaches and ethnic hats, warm white wine served in small, plastic beakers, Golden Virginia roll-ups, bongo drums for atmosphere and

parents looking out of place. White-washed rooms are filled with identical paintings created by throwing lumpy multi-coloured paint from a great distance at large canvases, and given such imaginative titles as *Blue on White, Sand on Canvas*, or, for a bit of variety, *Green Blobs on Yellow Blobs*. Parents stand around, dazzled by it all, quite incapable of comment. Some get away lightly, having only to look at 10ft-square black-and-white photographs of their eldest boy in his birthday suit. Others have the humiliation

Basic art technique and creativity seem to have been ditched by today's tutors

of walking into a room full of life-size canvases, illustrating their very own intimate moments for all to see.

Meanwhile, Grandma is being politely asked not to step back on to the paving stones covered in soil in the middle of the floor, while trying to get a better look at the concrete and planks of

wood hanging from the wall. The little brown plastic objects dotted around the floor are a mystery to her. In an adjacent room, Auntie is having difficulties answering Tommy's questions as they stand inside a sculpture.

Light relief from the dugout canoe, a must at every degree show, more brown-coloured

mush on door-panel art, and the family survives the ordeal, be it a touch shocking.

Or so they thought, as they stumble into the "live art" showing. This consists of many small, dark enclosures filled with students wearing loincloths, having multi-coloured slides projected on their bodies while standing in buckets of coal, with a sound track of curdling screams. And they say this is art.

When you have visited one fine art show, you have visited them all, and this can only be a bad reflection on the state of

art education. Art tutors seem happy enough to sit in a room discovering the inner thoughts of young minds, minds that have not been around long enough to have much in them. The tutors carry on this plan of attack for three years, then wonder why so-called art has become so introverted and meaningless. Basic technique does not even seem to be of any importance any more, and creativity is non-existent.

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## RADLEY COLLEGE BURSAR

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Particulars may be obtained from: The Chairman of the Council, c/o The Bursar, Radley College, Abingdon, Oxon, OX14 2HR to whom applications should be addressed.

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## EDUCATION

## Hard lessons in home economics

Do some students  
outside London  
deserve weighted  
grants and loans?  
Tom Giles reports

With his examination papers now marked and filed away, Gian Walker, a second-year student at Bristol University, faces an uncertain summer.

Already £500 overdrawn, he finds that an increase of £6 to his £35 weekly rent has deprived him of lodgings and the prospect of finding others he can afford.

"I hope to find somewhere cheaper in the summer," he says. "I am already paying £1,500 a year in rent, before bills, and have a grant of just over £2,000. There are a lot of people like me looking for fewer places at higher and higher rents, but without housing benefit there will be many more in trouble."

In September, when government proposals to end the right of students to claim housing benefit and income support are due to come into effect, Mr Walker and thousands of other undergraduates will be forced to re-assess their finances.

The Social Security Bill 1990, under which the measures are to be introduced, returns from the House of Lords for debate in the Commons today. The Lords had added an amendment allowing full-time students to continue claiming housing benefit, but the Bill is likely to be passed without it. Students will be able to claim interest-free loans on top of their existing grants to try to meet living expenses and tuition fees. In all regions except London, loans are fixed at £420 a year, and the maximum grant at £2,265.

In the capital, students will receive specially weighted grants of up to £2,845 and loans of £460 to compensate for higher rents and living costs. For those at other university towns, where rents and living costs have risen to similar levels as in London, there will be no such allowances. Since universities in southern England and Wales already claim their students are being forced into debt after increases that make their rent higher than their grant, there are fears that without regional allowances the student loans scheme will add to their burden.

A Leeds Polytechnic survey published last month showed that



Art of making ends meet: student Gian Walker hopes his part-time job can meet his rising rent

regional disparities would increase after the government's measures came into effect. The findings, based on interviews with students at six polytechnics, found that a three-year degree course in Brighton would cost students up to £3,000 more than the equivalent in Bradford. A typical student in Brighton was paying £2,080 a year in rent alone. With heating, electricity, food and pit tax, total expenditure rose to £2,736. Even with government loan, students would have to find an extra £180 a year to pay basic expenses. In Bradford, where the annual rent averaged £936, and Leeds, where it was £1,196, students would be able to "live comfortably" on grants and loans alone.

As a result, student applications to many northern universities have risen dramatically and have remained static in parts of the south. At Teesside Polytechnic,

for example, applications have risen by 69 per cent and at Leeds by 13 per cent. By contrast, Brighton's applications fell from 30,000 in 1986 to 23,000 in 1989 and 1990. Debbie Wiltsher, a student welfare officer at Brighton Polytechnic, says students in her area are struggling to cope with rents averaging £40 a week, even before housing benefit is withdrawn. She adds: "We have a shortage of good housing for 12,000 students in the area. People come to me with the double problem of dreadful conditions and high rents. The one does not rule out the other. The loss of housing benefit will lose them a further £5 a week, and the effects will be catastrophic."

"I am already counselling people who have come to the students' union with debts of more than £3,000. One student last week could hardly afford his

rent, yet there was gas leaking in his flat and he had suffered electric shocks from faulty wiring."

Andrew Bowden, the local MP, is one of a group of Conservative members who are uneasy about ending student housing benefit.

He says: "I hope the House of Lords amendment is endorsed. Housing represents the biggest single area of expenditure for any student. In Brighton, landlords are putting rents up and up as more commuters settle here. Students are going to be out of pocket. It is not a question of giving the area a loan-weighting like London. The benefit should simply be left alone."

An education department official claims that any attempt to take account of regional variations in living costs would be too complex to succeed. "The weighting of grants in London is based on the scarcity of rentable housing

to the number of students," he says. "The capital has three universities and four polytechnics, far more than anywhere else. It would be too complex to identify various parts of the country for weighting just because they were slightly more expensive than the surrounding area."

He adds that a government access fund of £25 million next year will be divided among those institutions whose students have the biggest needs after the new measures are introduced in September. The University Funding Council and the equivalent body for polytechnics are due to decide within the next two weeks on how the funds will be apportioned.

However, because the government intends to increase student numbers by 15 per cent by 1992, many universities doubt whether the access fund will provide enough help. University halls of residence are already full, so in the absence of large-scale building programmes, more and more students will be forced into private lodgings.

At Bristol, where rents on halls of residence and university houses are to be increased by 24 per cent next term, students are starting a national advertising campaign warning school-leavers about the rising cost of living on campus and in the city.

Don Carleton, the university's information officer, argues that the inadequacy of government funding leaves the university little choice if Bristol is to have enough funds to cater for an extra 3,000 students by the end of the decade. "Building costs here are twice as high as in the north of England," he says. "The access fund is not going to cover that. We have to guarantee every first-year student university accommodation, but we already have an overflow."

The university, he says, is sympathetic to second-year and third-year students who will have to move into private lodgings to accommodate the larger intake. Private-sector rents already average £37 a week a head. The student maintenance is "simply insufficient" to meet the costs.

"There must be a case for a weighting system in areas, such as Bristol, which are almost as expensive as London," Mr Carleton says. "The student loan scheme will put students further into debt and prevent those from lower-income homes coming to the university. They now have a real chance of ending up £2,000 to £3,000 in debt on graduating."

## NOTICEBOARD

## Healing the NHS

NEWLY qualified doctors were told at the weekend that it was their responsibility to protect the health service.

Sir Malcolm Macnaughton, Muirhead professor of obstetrics and gynaecology at Glasgow University, told graduates: "Many of you will be going to work for the NHS and I am very concerned about what is happening there today. I have had the privilege of working in the NHS since it began in 1948 and in my view it is one of the most valuable possessions of the British people, and the right to high-quality medical care is the right of all sections of our community. In your professional life you will have to nurture it and make sure that it continues to give the best care to all so that none are disadvantaged."

"In the United States, because of inequalities of medical care across the country, the number of babies dying at or around birth is the same overall as in a developing country. I hope we do not see that here. It will be up to you to see that it does not."

In his graduation day speech he told them: "Some of you are caring for people and some for animals. Whatever you are doing can be of service to others and knowing that you are serving others will give each of you satisfaction and happiness. At the present time the pursuit of money seems to be the prime motive of many in our society, but the pursuit of money is less important than the pursuit of the good and caring society."

## Aid to Germans

BRITISH polytechnics have awarded more than 30 scholarships to East German students, to begin this September. The cost, between £386 and £451 a month, is being shared equally by the Foreign Office and the polytechnics. The students, most of whom have graduated from East German universities, will also receive a £234 book allowance and a £50 travel allowance.

## Science in a box

SCIENCE-BASED companies are being asked to provide a "science box" for all 20,000 primary schools in England and Wales in a campaign being

launched today by the Institution of Chemical Engineers. The boxes, costing £125 each and developed by Northamptonshire county council's science advisers, contain 50 wallets of simple investigations for children to carry out and have the necessary equipment, from paper clips to electronic circuits.

## Colleges 'blight'

BRITAIN'S largest teachers' union has told John MacGregor, the education secretary, that plans for city technology colleges in Derby, Telford and Wandsworth, are a "speculative investment of the highest order which will place considerable extra burdens on the taxpayer". Mr MacGregor has promised to consult interested parties before deciding whether to approve the three colleges. The National Union of Teachers has welcomed the move, but accuses Mr MacGregor of concealing the names of the specific sponsors of all three colleges and the amounts of money every one has agreed to provide. The union says the quality of education for all pupils will suffer from planning blight because authorities will be prevented from proper longer-term planning.

## Training plea

A NEW booklet from the Amalgamated Engineering Union is intended to encourage companies and union representatives to co-operate to improve training. Bill Jordan, the union president, says: "There are still too many companies who fail to accord training the priority it warrants. I was appalled to read the statistics which show the UK to have the worst training record in Europe and that our work-force is less skilled than that of any other country in the European Community. That is a grave situation, which neither employers nor unions can solve on their own."

## Teen authors

TWO schoolboys in Llandudno, North Wales, have written and published a German text book, which they are selling at £1.15. The book, written and marketed by Jamie Northcott, 17, and Steven Davis, 16, from the independent St David's College, aims to simplify the complex rules governing gender. It is already used by the school.

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# Dream that became a reality

A festival of flowers opens on Wednesday beside the Thames. Francesca Greenoak surveys the scene

The idea for a large-scale flower show sprang into the mind of Adrian Boyd, the managing director of Le Teunier-Boyd, a management consultancy, as he walked out of Hampton Court railway station one October morning in 1987 and saw the glorious front of Cardinal Wolsey's palace and grounds of Hampton Court stretched before him in a magnificent vista.

Though not a gardener, he knew of the resurgence of interest in gardening and gardens. The idea to the fact that British Rail Network SouthEast is one of his company's biggest clients and the ambitious project of a great international flower show on one of the most handsome sites near London starts to take root.

It was a bold plan. Nothing on this scale had ever been dreamed of for Hampton Court, although small events had taken place on the Green, not in Home Park, where the present show is to be located. It took a person of irrepressible confidence to approach the palace authorities and convince them that they needed a vast flower show. In the event, they liked the idea. Mr Boyd believes that the vital hurdle was cleared in the initial stages "when I managed to convince them that I would make a show which would be of international standing, in a way that would be in keeping with the dignity of the palace".

Network SouthEast at once saw the advantages of supporting a leading event on a site obviously best reached by rail, and was pleased to become the sponsor, promising £700,000 in promotion.

John Yarnall, administrator at Hampton Court Palace, confirms that the authorities, with the idea of extending the use of the Royal Palaces already in mind, were "well-disposed towards the idea at the outset". The 15 months of negotiation that to an outsider might seem a long period were simply "a steady progress through the bureaucracy - we had to be absolutely sure of our ground".

Against the problems of disruption, security and traffic conges-



David Beeton (left), chief executive of historic royal palaces, and John Yarnall, palace administrator, by Hampton Court's main fountain

tion, there were definite advantages: it would emphasise Hampton Court as a visitor attraction, and the income generated through the licence fee would enable restoration plans for the palace, such as the refurbishment of the Tudor kitchens, to be brought forward. Discussions inched ahead and the licence authorising the first Hampton Court Palace Flower Show was signed in October 1989.

The business of making a high-quality show a reality now occupied the Le Teunier-Boyd

organisation. Mr Boyd thought the job could best be done by a small, close-knit dedicated staff. The degree of commitment he demands from his team of 12 is formidable. None has had much sleep for the past few months, yet the 12 seem unresentful.

"We consider the show a project worth pulling out all the stops for," says Frank Devlin, creative director. "The sum is greater than the parts." Mr Boyd says: "It is like making a movie. You build an intricate set, for a performance that lasts six days."

His career has involved making commercials and corporate-identity designs for banks and international business, so he is no stranger to stress and high finance. "But this," he says, "is the most complicated operation - with which I have ever been involved."

One regret is that the Royal Horticultural Society has not become involved with the show, nor taken the offer of a stand as have the National Garden Festival and the palace itself. But Mr Boyd notes that though the RHS seems, officially, to have set its face

against the show, "individuals closely associated with the RHS have been most supportive and deserve my thanks".

It was a big day for the show team when the Princess Royal agreed to perform the official opening, although Mr Boyd is adamant that the show is not off-puttingly exclusive.

He explains: "The idea is that people can come in and see horticultural exhibits of all kinds, in comfort and ease. There are lots of places where they can sit down to rest or have a snack. There are 400 stewards, and experts to whom they can talk about almost any aspect of gardening. Refreshments will include everything from buns to champagne at a fair price."

As for the future, David Beeton, chief executive of the agency responsible for six royal buildings not occupied by the Royal Family, is positive that it has "every chance of becoming a great success". And possibly an annual event.

## Show offers palace a new lease of life

The possibility of an annual event could pay for the restoration of the beautiful baroque gardens of Hampton Court

A new lease for the magnificent Hampton Court Palace and its grounds, which are almost 50 years old is likely because of the flower show. The show is the first really large-scale project at Hampton Court since it, and several other royal palaces, came under the management of the Historic Royal Palaces Agency (HRPA) last October.

The agency is one of the fruits of a government initiative launched by the prime minister to revitalise many of the activities that have long been administered by the civil service.

This is being attempted by creating so-called executive agencies. Every one of these has a chief executive and a management team with the task of gathering up its designated sphere of activity. The agencies have a lot of freedom but are ultimately answerable to a minister. The HRPA was the first to be established. Its chief executive is David Beeton, previously secretary of the National Trust and chief executive of Bath city council. Most of the agency's cover activities in which they can go about the affairs in a fairly normal commercial way. But a more subtle approach has to be adopted where ancient and royal buildings are involved.

Six such buildings fall within the HRPA's responsibility. They are, in addition to Hampton Court Palace, the Tower of London, Kensington Palace, Kew Palace, Queen Charlotte's Cottage at Kew and the Banqueting House, in Whitehall.

When discussing the flower show at Hampton Court, Mr Beeton and John Yarnall, who is administrator, effectively, manager at the place, emphasise that in seeking to develop the public appeal of the palace and its grounds, "we are determined not to change the character of Hampton Court and shall respect the status and dignity of the palace".

Nevertheless, changes are being made. The flower show is on a scale vast greater than anything tried before. It is being held in parkland, beyond the formal

gardens and more than 300,000 visitors are expected. The flower show is only the most eye-catching of the developments at the palace. Already, under Prince Leith's direction, a start has been made on improving the standard of catering for the annual million visitors to the palace or the grounds.

The Tudor kitchens in the palace basement, which for years have looked rather stark, are to be given a more attractive appearance, so visitors can get some idea of how, in Henry VIII's time, they could prepare up to a thousand meals a day.

A new reception area for visitors is planned and this winter an exhibition is to be held to commemorate the 500th anniversary of Henry's birth. These celebrations will be followed by a variety of events next summer. A striking development in the spring of 1992 will be the re-opening to the public of the state rooms of King William and Queen Mary, after the completion of restoration from the 1986 fire damage. Efforts will be made to give visitors a better sense of the ceremonies that used to take place in these rooms when William and Mary reigned.

Evidence of the caution being displayed in developing the public appeal of the palace and its grounds is that, although all those most closely involved in the flower show seem to favour, in principle, the idea of its becoming an annual event, the palace authorities refuse to take a decision until they can see how this year's show has gone.

One possible long-term benefit from an annual event on the scale of the flower show, and one particularly close to the heart of Mr Beeton, is that it might provide the financial resources to permit the restoration of the baroque gardens at Hampton, possibly over ten years or more.

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THE FLOWER and Plant Association, based in Covent Garden, has a first-time exhibit at Hampton Court intended to educate British taste to a wider appreciation of cut flowers (Francesca Greenoak writes).

Veronica Richardson, the association secretary, says: "On this side of the Channel,

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we tend to stick to about nine flowers, whereas our neighbours in mainland Europe choose from several times that number and use them in more interesting ways."

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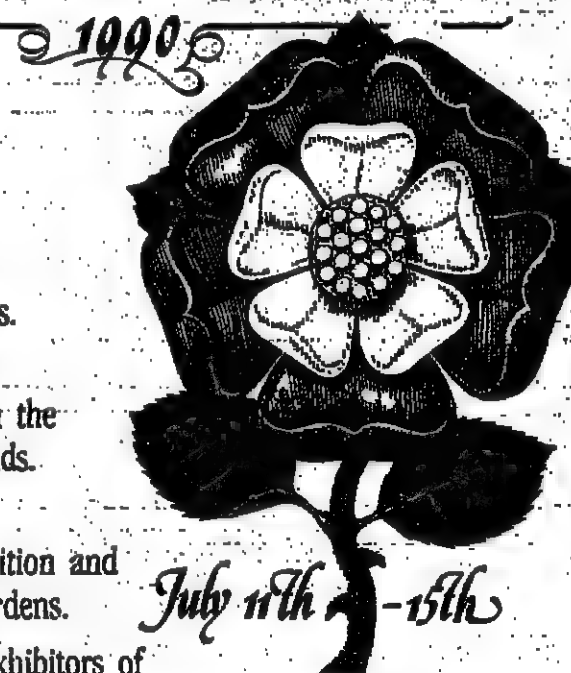
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**Adrian Greenoak (left) and Adrian Boyd, chief executive, in the "Through the Looking Glass" garden**

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But Hampton Court's big advantage when it comes to coping with large numbers of visitors is the small railway station just across the Thames from the palace. The station could be handling about ten times more passengers than normal this week. Rail travel is also being en-



### Chris Green: "Exciting initiative"

One of the big problems for Network SouthEast is that though it will be running up to six trains an hour to Hampton Court for much of the day, it will not be able to do so during the height of the evening peak period, when, Mr Knott says, Network SouthEast will need all its rolling stock for commuter traffic.

**I**n order to counter this, the organisers have arranged a programme of attractions in the late afternoon and early evening, which they hope will keep visitors at the show until trains can be released from the commuter run.

There have been suggestions that the holding of a large flower show so close to London, and only two months after the Royal Horticultural Society's Chelsea Show, could be seen as a challenge to the Royal Horticultural Society. But Mr Knott denies this. Chelsea is Britain's leading flower show, he says, and he does not believe the Hampton show damages its standing. "We are complementary to the Chelsea Show," he says.

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When Mr Speaker retires he may be replaced by a Miss: will she make mincemeat of ungentlemanly conduct? Heather Kirby reports

The next Speaker of the House of Commons could, for the first time, be a woman. It is an intriguing possibility, given the sort of ungentlemanly conduct which last week caused a sitting to be suspended for ten minutes. Will she be able to keep 650 rowdy MPs under control and still retain her dignity? Or will having a woman in charge make our elected members behave better?

Opinion is divided, but the view which probably matters most is that of Labour's Betty Boothroyd, a Deputy Speaker, since she is the favourite to take over when Bernard Weatherill, the present Speaker, who will turn 70 in November, retires. Miss Boothroyd, aged 60, described in Andrew Roth's *Parliamentary Profiles* as "a pretty Yorkshire woman with a touch of Coronation Street's Elsie Tanner", is an intriguing possibility. Forty years ago she was a professional dancer, high-kicking in a chorus line, and in the House they say she is a tough cookie, but soft underneath. She once described the selection of Michael Foot as Labour leader as "a disaster", and told the leaders of her party they should get rid of extremists and militants who were, she said, "headbangers".

Clearly not a woman to mince words, the MP for West Bromwich West says: "If you have been a public speaker and have survived in politics in this country for 25 years, you can't be a Mickey

## Madam of an orderly House?

Mouse person. I may have to listen to a lot of things which don't sit well with me, but you have to be tolerant about other people's views. Honourable members must be free to say what they want to say, that is crucial, that is what democracy is all about. If occasionally they get heated then you have to remember MPs feel very strongly about the ideas they want to get across, and may have a sense of grievance. But I love it, I absolutely thrive on it. I love parliament, I love our system, wars and all. I have a good strong voice so I don't have to shout, but when there is an explosion, it is better for it to happen in the chamber than outside.

She may be confident about her ability to rule the mob, but observers are not so sanguine. Bellowing "order, order" over the tumult of passionate voices is, according to Mat Atkinson, a sociologist who has written a book about the language and body language of politicians, likely to put Miss Boothroyd into the same no-win situation in which Mrs Thatcher once found herself. "If she makes herself heard above the hubbub she will be branded unfeminine," Mr Atkinson says. "If she is too quiet she will be accused of being ineffective.

People are bound to say she is being schoolmistressy and bossy because that is how men will try to come to terms with her as Speaker. Maybe women ought to be Speakers, because they can exercise discipline through a tougher dichotomy, but I'm willing to bet we will see cartoons depicting her in the bondage-type images of women in authority.

"Something I believe will be to her advantage, though, is that women have much better hearing than men. They can hear a single voice through a crowd and can also hear nuances in people's inflection and intonation that is inaudible to men."

The whisper at Westminster is that Mr Weatherill will probably give up refereeing the House at the next general election. Another intriguing aspect of the succession is that the other name mentioned



Wearing it well: Betty Boothroyd as Speaker

for the job is also that of a woman, Dame Janet Fookes, aged 54, Conservative MP for Plymouth Drake.

According to Mr Roth she aims to be the first woman Speaker and

is highly regarded as a competent chairman of committees, a prerequisite for the role of Speaker which some members regard as the greatest honour in politics, the secular equivalent of Archbishop of Canterbury. But, like the retiring incumbent of that post, Dame Janet has called down on her head the wrath of a considerable number of backbenchers, not to mention one or two influential members of the cabinet. Through the House of Lords, she may have won her battle to introduce dog registration, but the Commons has a free vote when it comes to choosing its Speaker, and even colleagues from her own side are growing that they will not support her. Both women have been around long enough to acquire the one quality without which no female Speaker could hope to survive, according to sociologist Rosalind Miles, an

author of *Women and Power*. They need a hide like a rhinoceros.

"I cannot imagine those drunken clowns who brawl in that unsavoury chamber becoming more tame because there is a woman Speaker," Ms Miles says.

"They will probably get up to the same idiotic pranks and she will play her Joyce Grenfell in the nursery number. But you don't survive in politics as long as Betty Boothroyd without acquiring great political skills. She would be a worthy holder, because she is a very smart lady and you underestimate a political woman at your peril. I hope she does get it, because it would mean more than just appointing a woman to a male enclave. The job of Speaker is one of great antiquity and it would be highly symbolic. Whether the symbolism would live up to the reality is a different matter."

A party is going to be given in Miss Boothroyd's honour this week, to celebrate her third year as one of the three Deputy Speakers, but it has to be said she has not yet set in the seat when it is hot. During Question Time or when ministerial statements are being delivered, which is when the reactions usually occur, Mr Weatherill presides. Nevertheless,

she has had her difficulties when she has had to exert her authority. "What is important," like refereeing a football match, is you must never appear to be on one side or the other," she says. "If you do, all chaos breaks out, so you have to be totally scrupulous. What I am toughest about is limiting the time members speak, and what I really dislike is interrupting someone when they get to the end of their ten minutes and I know they are about to reach their peroration. I keep them to the second, but sometimes it really breaks my heart. It hurts me more than it hurts them."

When she was appointed, Miss Boothroyd created a robe for herself because, after all, her two fellow Deputy Speakers — Sir Paul Dean and Harold Walker — had to wear special outfits: tailcoats and striped trousers. "I felt I should wear something special too. So I went to Hardy Amies, who is the best classical designer, and had a beautiful dark blue robe made in French faille. It has fadorose all the way up the sleeves and it goes over my normal clothes." If she were elected, Madam Speaker would, of course, have to don the gold-trimmed robe, bearded shoes and wig that go with the office. If the Conservatives win the next election there would then be one final intriguing aspect to the enquiry with: Our head of state, head of government and presiding officer of the mother of parliaments would all be women.

## A funny thing happened on the way to the pool



Minical edges: the cast of *The Frogs* rehearsing at Old Brentford Baths. The orchestra will play in the rafters

Now rehearsing in a cloud of chlorine — the full-singing, all-swimming, full-inflatable Stephen Sondheim in classical Greek comedy show. Later this month, an ageing municipal swimming pool in west London will be the incongruous venue for the European premiere of Sondheim's strangest musical, *The Frogs*.

Sondheim buffs and ancient Greek scholars will damply rub shoulders in the spectators' gallery of the Old Brentford Baths, eager to catch a legendary rarity in the history of the modern American musical, and a 2,400-year-old burlesque masterpiece by the dramatist Aristophanes, which has seldom been performed in the past 20 centuries, and riever with 40 pop-eyed inflatable frogs, two life-size floating gorillas and a pink inflatable Cadillac.

The first, and perhaps the only, previous staging of the musical was a college production at Yale University in

### Take an old Greek play, a modern American composer, add water, and what do you get? A strange new show

1974, with Meryl Streep and Sigourney Weaver, then mere tadpoles of drama students, splashing away in the chorus line. Sondheim was already a highly successful writer, and the show was written soon after *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*, which did for Plautus what *The Frogs* set out to do for the anarchic and irrepressible Aristophanes. The music was consciously designed for the echoey acoustics of an indoor pool, and the text explores serious feelings Sondheim had about the role of the artist in society.

The show was never issued as a record, and the publishers discouraged further productions. As the composer's cult has grown, *The Frogs* has taken on the status of a noto-

rious enigma, an eccentric caprice — perhaps a masterpiece, perhaps a disaster. When John Gadyne, a freelance theatre director, approached the publisher for permission to put on a new production in his local pool in west London, he received a frosty response. But he persisted, and sent a detailed outline of his plans to the composer himself. His enthusiasm struck an echo in Sondheim, and permission was granted. The composer has half-promised to drop in on the show.

The cost of mounting it, which is budgeted at £25,000, was met with the help of grants from the London borough of Ealing and the London Boroughs Grants Committee, and a donation of

£5,000 from an anonymous donor rumoured to be Cameron Mackintosh, the Maccenas who recently endowed a chair of contemporary theatre at Oxford (the first visiting professor appointed to sit upon it was Sondheim).

"We are going to use the pool much more than the Yale production seems to have done," Gadyne says. "The original stage directions suggest that the main action was confined to a stage at one end, but at Brentford most of the singing and dancing will be in and on the water. If you have a pool, you might as well make the most of it."

The show has a cast of 40, mainly amateurs recruited through advertisements in local papers and libraries, and a production team of young professionals. A ten-piece orchestra will play among the iron girders of the gentry roof.

Rehearsals are now in full swing, with Gadyne patterning barefoot around the verge of the pool in swimming trunks, overseeing choral invocations addressed to the god Dionysus from the shallow end, by girls in floating Greek tunics.

An actor breast-deep in the waves reads his lines from a copy of the text, which was already soppy wet. Pluto, king of the Underworld, was greeted with fanfares as he made a royal entry riding in the pink Cadillac. The wardrobe mistress, gasping for breath, was hastily inflating 40 frogs.

Aristophanes wrote plays that were below-the-belt Goon Shows, laced with partisan comment on contemporary politics and personalities. He was an irascible enemy of cant with his heart in the right place. His exuberantly inventive satire is almost untranslatable for modern audiences, but his knockabout and his fantasy are immortal.

If he could see what is being done at Brentford in his name, he would probably react, first with hearty disappointment to see that both sexes are wearing swimming costumes, and then with a belly-laugh as he detected a certain note of American uplift that has crept into the modern version. And he could hardly fail to find the 40 inflatable frogs endearing.

George Hill

● The Frogs will run from July 24 to August 4 at Old Brentford Baths, Ealing (tel 081-740 8369).

## The Third Age of opportunity

An enquiry launched today hopes to prove that over 50 is not over the hill

The Second Age of Terry Banks officially ended at Easter this year — on the day she finally hung up whatever it is that eminent women civil servants wear instead of a bowler hat. And now she is to spend the first years of her "retirement" directing the most comprehensive enquiry yet into the opportunities and frustrations that confront the 14 million UK citizens who, like herself, qualify for membership of the Third Age.

Another member of the club, Peter Laslett, a 73-year-old Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge, first redefined Shakespeare's seven ages of man into four: childhood and schooling; work and raising the family; active independence and, lastly, dependence and dignity. The third phase begins at 50 or at retirement from full-time employment or from raising a family and is deemed, for statistical tidiness, to end at 75.

Nobody, least of all its corner, is misled by the phrase "active independence". This merely indicates the hope and potential, in terms of employment and personal fulfilment, of a quarter of Britain's population. Sadly, the reality for millions is more likely to be loneliness, boredom, untapped energy and poverty.

The Carnegie enquiry into the Third Age, announced today and expected to cost £750,000 by the time it reports in late 1992, will focus on ways in which people whose main career is over, or who have finished bringing up their family, can have their experience, skill, talent and enthusiasm channelled into making a contribution to the economy and society.

The enquiry's working committee consists of civil servants, captains of industry, academics and trade union leaders; many of them have an additional qualification — they are members of the Third Age. Mrs Banks was 57 when she opted for early retirement three months ago from her job as director of the government's Office of Population Censuses and Surveys, and registrar general for England and Wales. "As a woman who has had both a family [two daughters and a son] and a career, I am very aware that I have spent

my life doing nothing, and I was worried that I might get to enjoy doing too much of nothing too often. Fortunately, my role with the Carnegie enquiry means that I will be getting out and meeting people — I could never do a solitary job because my brain only works when I am talking to others."

"I have already taken up yoga and I'm looking forward to doing some serious reading for pleasure, visiting my sister in New Zealand for the first time since she went to live there nearly 30 years ago and doing some work on our house, which hasn't been decorated for 10 years."

But Mrs Banks is rational enough to recognise the drawbacks of her new liberation. "It is at this stage that you tend to think of how life will be when you reach the Fourth Age, with the fear of having to spend many years in a state of disability and all the lack of dignity that entails."

"My memory is not nearly as good as it was, and obviously I do not have all the energy and drive I once did."

William Greaves



Mrs Banks: freedom

Nor do I regard myself as having any greater wisdom than my kids — except, inevitably you do learn economy of effort in achieving what you want to achieve."

The enquiry's chairman is Sir Kenneth Stowe, aged 63, who retired three years ago as permanent secretary at the then-combined health and social security department after many years as permanent private secretary at 10 Downing Street. Today he occupies himself with various charitable roles, including the chairmanship of the Institute of Cancer Research.

"I have learnt to constrains a completely different lifestyle, with no office, no official car, no secretary and no ministers," he says. "But it has given me time to think and get involved much more widely and to rediscover my love for 19th century literature."

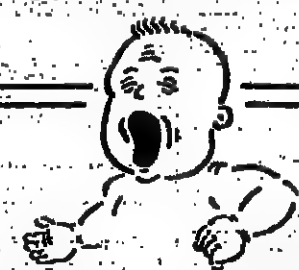
"Of course, people in the Third Age will not have the same physical or mental energy they had in their twenties and thirties, but they have got experience, with a modest degree of competence, and they have acquired some wisdom and judgment."

"I think it is important, however, for us not to be either arrogant or patronising and go round telling people: 'Listen to me, I've been around and this is how it's done.'"

Sir Kenneth is not even having to come to terms with failing memory — because he claims it never was much good in the first place. "I used to write everything I had to remember in a little black pocket book — it became quite famous in Whitehall circles — and providing I don't lose it, I should be all right."

William Greaves

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### Pick of the Week

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## ARTS

## TELEVISION

## Saturday night fever

SATURDAY 9pm (in a flat behind Madame Tussauds): Extract from a micro-wave in anticipation of the tele-festival. Just when you thought it was safe to turn off the set for summer, England finally falls out of the World Cup, Channel 4 assembles three tenors for a penalty shoot-out in Rome (see Nicolas Soames's review, right). BBC1 brings back Miss Marple for the Agatha Christie centenary, ITV promises a re-run of the first-ever *Columbo* and BBC2 has the Arthur Miller profile, plus the TV movie of *All My Sons*, all at the same time. Added to that, Radio 2 is offering the Rome tenors in simultaneous stereo - schizophrenia starts here.

9.10pm: *Columbo* mysteriously switched for another episode and announcer vaguely blames the World Cup. Can abandon that option as I know how it ends.

9.20pm: Christie celebration turns out to be *Murder at the Vicarage* yet again, and I know how that ends too. Meanwhile, on BBC 2 the Miller profile is the one he gave three years ago to Alan Yentob while flogging his memoirs.

9.30pm: Roman tenors on 4 reassuringly introduced from Charlotte Street by Melvyn Bragg, on a sofa mysteriously surrounded by Greek pillars. Just around the corner, in a basement of Broadcasting House, Brian Matthews is starting the Radio 2 aria-by-aria commentary. Bragg tells us that Pavarotti demanded a helicopter to the concert, commending declining to do the obvious joke. Out in Rome, on what looks like a discarded set from *Cleopatra*, the larynx event of the century starts with a lady in gold rubber losing her ticket, while Bragg in London introduces a Welsh tenor who is not allowed to speak before we get back to Carreras warming up his tonsils.

9.40: Down in the Broadcasting House basement, Brian Matthews is apologising for the sound of overhead helicopters, presumably in Rome. The Welsh tenor with Bragg says he is already enjoying himself, which is nice.

9.50pm: By now Domingo is doing the gig, though I was hoping for Kirk Douglas and several thousand slaves going about the overtone to *Spargus*, with Jean Simmons waving from the gladiatorial zone. Only another hour or so to go before the three Stooges plan to sing in unison. Meanwhile Matthew trails "a song by Franz Lehár who is not yet with us", though I think he must mean the singer, unless they have all come back from beyond the grave.

10.30pm: *All My Sons*, also showing signs of age and theatrical origins. However, it is still a landmark Miller, in that 40 years ago, this is where it all began: the familial and national guilt that was to condition his writing.

10.45pm: Back in Rome, the Stooges are going into highlights from *My Fair Lady* and I am hoping for Dame Joan Sutherland, as Eliza Doolittle, to get the compact-disc rights truly buttoned-up worldwide. José seems a little uncertain of the lyrics, but Luciano belts in with highlights from what sounds like an Italian musical which closed circa 1932, while Plácido starts on his Sacha Distel impressions.

10.50: Not to be defeated, José is now into highlights from *Cats*, and an elementary phonetics lesson, while Luciano is doing his celebrated impression of Table Mountain. Hopes that they might all appear on roller-skates for a gala finish from *Starlight Express* are dashed, but the Eurovision Song Contest will never look quite the same again. They all do songs from *West Side Story* again, in fluent Esperanto, and somewhere in the background they are negotiating the satellite video-rights in ice-cream commercial soundtracks.

SHERIDAN MORLEY

## OPERA

## Battle on the high Cs ends in an early bath

In Rome, Nicolas Soames hears Luciano, Plácido and José sing together for the first time

Operatic history is full of famous rivalries between singers. In the 18th century, the most malicious competition was between those pampered and preening oddities, the male castrati. Then sopranos came into their own, some of them harbouring insane jealousies for rival divas. In that context, the current rivalry between the world's top tenors - Luciano Pavarotti, Plácido Domingo and José Carreras - is actually a fairly gentlemanly chapter.

So the greatest danger in Rome on Saturday night, when the three tenors came together in concert at the third-century Baths of Caracalla, was not so much the likelihood of a free-for-all - entertaining though that might have been - as the possibility of something agonisingly antiseptic. After all, the thought of an 800-million satellite audience could curb even a tenor's ego, and 80 minutes of sweetness and light between these three would have been unpalatable.

In fact, although there was neither confrontation (well, no more than a touch) nor conciliation, the event actually lived up to all reasonable expectations. Some aspects were, of course,

preposterous (licks up to £200, for instance, yet I would not have missed it for the world).

Pavarotti was beaming, presumably flushed with Italy's 2-1 triumph over England. The previous day he had admitted that Italy's defeat in the semi-finals had proved an emotional blow. "My heart is bleeding," he said in libretto, his preferred dialect. On Saturday night, however, he was intent on singing his heart out, despite a ludicrous programme.

Carreras was more earnest, perhaps feeling a little in the shadow of his companions and just keen to sing his best. Domingo, however, was determined to show that he was the equal of any. He held his stance just a little longer than the others for the applause after his opening number: that was the first sign of any competition breaking through the shroud of diplomacy which had threatened to suffocate the event, from the alphabetical order of the billing to the scrupulously fair programming. It was not the last.

A flourish from Verdi's *Les Vespri Siciliani* opened pro-

ceedings, played by the 200-strong orchestra gathered together from the opera orchestras of Rome and Florence by the ever-flamboyant Zubin Mehta - the natural choice to conduct such a concert. The operatic arias followed. Carreras survived an inauspicious start as a low-flying jet caused havoc with Federico's "Lament" from Cilea's *L'Arlesiana*, and Domingo demonstrated his superior dramatic gifts in "O Paradis" from Meyerbeer's *L'Africaine*. But in the initial comparison, Pavarotti was the most impressive, his voice supple and clear in "Recondita armonia" from *Tosca*.

After that came a round of lighter music. Domingo appeared to be the sentimentalist with "Dopo la tempesta" from Herz's *Die Land des Lachens*. This more than underlined the point - which became amply clear later on - that the event was essentially populist in its aims. However, it was in the following section, where each tenor chose a song from his national heritage, that Pavarotti's direct appeal was shown to be

unmatched. Standing four-square to his audience, he exhibited the unaffected innocence of a folk singer (though one with spectacular technical control). The way that he came off the top note of "Torna a Surriento", adding a perfectly placed grace-note for good measure, showed his mastery. Nevertheless, Carreras's rendition of "Granada" ran him a close second.

There were impressive things elsewhere, too. Carreras was musically persuasive, even if vocally he seemed strained in places, notably in "Improvviso" from Giordano's *Andrea Chénier*. Domingo was strikingly dramatic in "E lucevan le stelle" from *Tosca*. But the moment Pavarotti swept into "Nessun Dorma", there was no doubt that, in this repertoire and environment, he has no equal.

His natural feeling for popular expression - he appears a man of the people, in the way that Domingo could never seem - allowed him to dominate the rollicking 20-minute medley (arranged by Lalo Schiffrin) that brought the three tenors together

for the close of the concert. No one can deny that it was vulgar, improbable, incongruous and fun. It was also as slick as any *mélange* of "Maria", "Tonight", "Memory", "La vie en rose", "Wien, wien", and other similar songs could possibly be. One tenor started a phrase with the other two in vocal attendance, and then they swapped roles. On other occasions they shared the tune, sending it down the line like a game of melodic ping-pong.

Perhaps the medley was more reminiscent of the singing going on in a thousand Italian bars that night than the kind of result one might expect from a trio of three great tenors. At times it sounded as if all three could have done with a beer or two, especially during "Wien, wien" when they clearly failed to fit their soft Latin accents around upright German consonants. There was the occasional moment, too, when the element of competition suddenly re-emerged: Domingo, possibly beginning to smart under the pain of being a minor member of Luciano and the Pavettes, would sing just a little bit

louder and longer than was required. At the end, after the peerless Pavarotti trill on a top note had been imitated (to somewhat bizarre effect, it must be said) by Domingo and Carreras in unison, Pavarotti embraced Mehta and Carreras warmly, but was somewhat more perfunctory towards Domingo.

The real fun, however, was reserved for the encores. Feeling more at ease at last, they charged once more through the medley. Domingo's variety of expression was finer than ever here, in marked contrast to Pavarotti, who turned everything into a Neapolitan love-song (including "Wien, wien" which is no mean achievement). Then they shared the best bits of "Nessun Dorma", ending together on a high B flat for considerably longer than Puccini ever intended. Finally came a riotous version of "O sole mio", ending in stratospheric unison. High jinks of an exalted kind. In the hands of anyone else, at any other time, this would have been the nadir of taste. But, on the eve of the World Cup Final, in the balmy Rome climate, three tenors letting rip for the hell of it seemed all in the spirit of the game.

## THEATRE

## Lessons that the young can teach

Can Britain's youth theatres retain their present rude health?

Jim Hiley reports

This week, a dozen youth drama groups, selected from 200 across the country, will descend on the Royal National Theatre for the Lloyds Bank Young Theatre Challenge. The youngsters' efforts will be seen over three nights at the Olivier.

When the festival was inaugurated last year, every seat was sold, and the critics hailed the production with warmth. This year's looks like being another sell-out, set to emulate the success of 1989. The sponsors have already guaranteed the future of the Challenge up to 1993.

This resounding conquest of one of the theatre's most august citadels may prove more significant than so far acknowledged. Until recently, youth drama in Britain has been seen as a poor relation. Yet it surpasses the established theatre in output, and threatens to do so in creative vigour. The participants in the Challenge will no doubt benefit from working alongside the National's staff. At the same time, the apprenticeship of an increasingly timid profession could learn much from the youngsters' robust populism and adventure.

"It is important for our people to see the sheer quality of youth drama," says Suzy Graham-Adriani, a former teacher who runs the Challenge for the National's education department. "And to learn the concerns of tomorrow's audiences." They may also envy the scale of production allowed by a vast pool of unpaid talent.

The National Youth Theatre has just announced a season of six plays to be mounted by 450 young people during the summer. Among their plans is a revival of Lionel Bart's *Blitz*. The musical was to have been staged by the Royal Shakespeare Company this autumn, but was abandoned amid the RSC's funding crisis. The NYT stepped in when the RSC project foundered.

The NYT is, of course, the grand old man of the youth theatre movement. Ever since it was

formed by the late Michael Croft in 1956, it has been besieged by aspiring thespians, many of whom proceed to celebrity. Its alumni include Daniel Day-Lewis, Timothy Dalton, Derek Jacobi, Helen Mirren, Ben Kingsley, David Suchet and Michael York. Each applicant must pass two auditions, and then attend a training course. Out of 2,500 youngsters considered each year, only 150 are accepted.

This rigorous selection procedure has helped maintain extraordinary standards. But the youth movement at large values democratic participation above talent spotting. Most groups operate an "open door" policy for new members, and the NYT is criticised for encouraging unhealthy competitions. "We're bound to attract people who want to work in a centre of excellence," says Ed Wilson, the NYT's artistic director. But he insists that the only star is the ensemble. "If we are a nursery for the profession, that's purely a coincidence."

The Challenge and the NYT are twin tips of a rapidly expanding iceberg. The membership of youth groups doubled during the 1980s, according to Roger Hill, chairman of the National Association of Youth Theatres. There are now 700 companies throughout the United Kingdom, with a total membership of 40,000. Some of the groups have emerged from school drama classes, as did the NYT. Some are attached to repertory theatres, providing the active link with the "community", now modestly insisted upon by the Arts Council. Others are run by full-time workers.

By contrast with their professional counterparts, most young companies enjoy a guaranteed audience, and so feel free to stray from conventional stagings methods. "Youth theatre persistently breaks its own rules," says Roger Hill, "and everybody else's as well." Many of the groups in the Challenge adopt impressionistic techniques, mixing music and mime with dramatic narrative. The choice of subject-matter is similarly audacious. Within the required time-limit of 45 minutes, an all-female group from Henley tackle rape, incest and lesbianism. Another from the Falls Road present a close-up of life at the heart of The Troubles. Others look

beyond contemporary affairs. Glasgow's Xyst Company tells the story of Jean Ermore, Robert Burns's common-law wife, while a group from Caerfili hymn the late "Kitch" Davies, a Welsh nationalist campaigner.

Perhaps the most striking feature of the youth theatre movement is its cosmopolitan outlook. In drama, as in other fields, the British are often accused of insularity. But the young amateurs take cultural exchange a step further. In April, for example, groups from Britain and eight East European countries converged on Liverpool for an event called "Red Star Brouhaha". As well as performing for each other, the tyro-actors participated in debates and polyglot workshops. In a similar vein, members of Spain's Teatrejove company will stage *Macbeth* in Spanish under Ed Wilson's direction at the Bloomsbury Theatre this September.

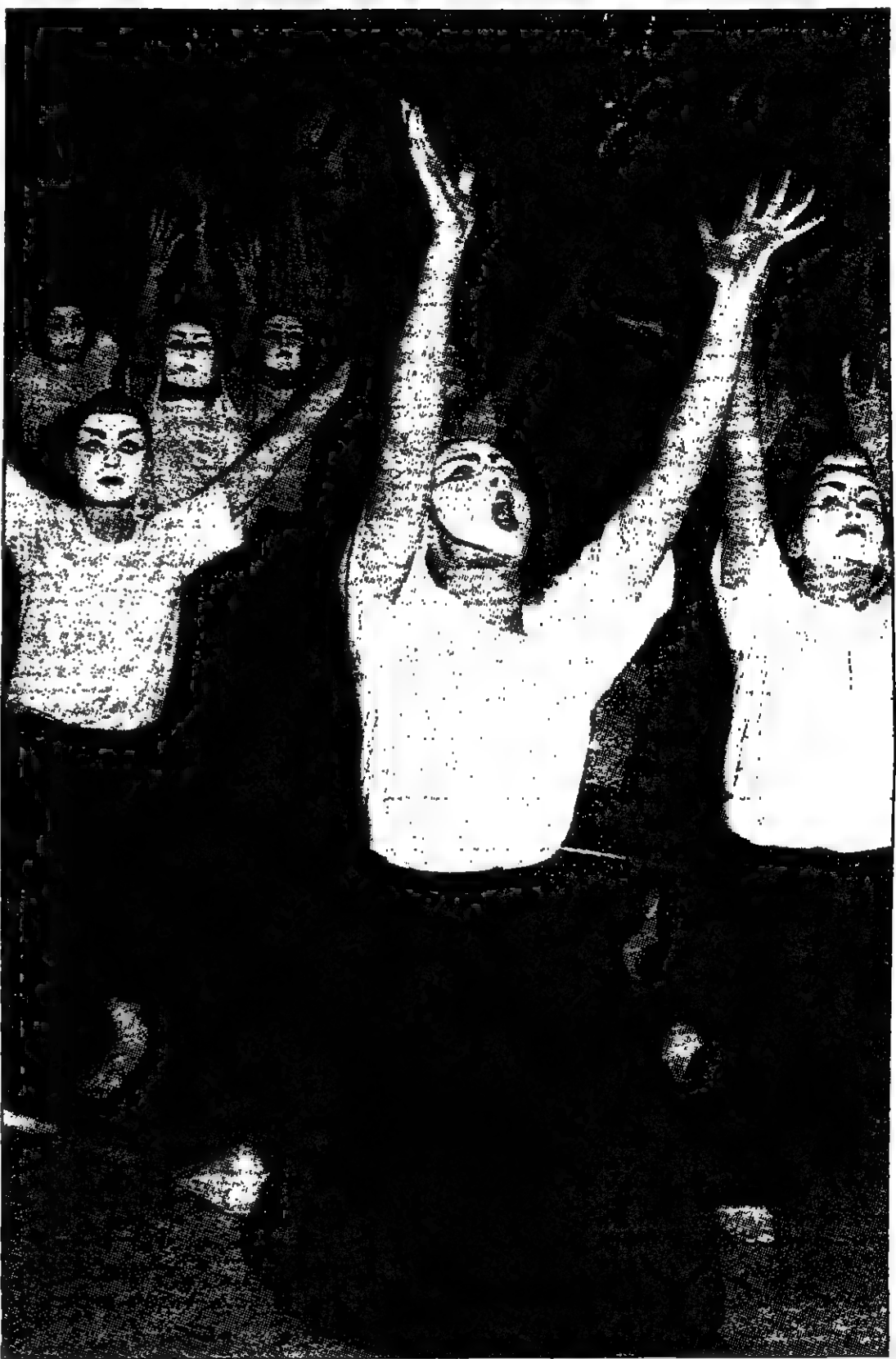
For all its currently rude health, the youth theatre movement cannot look ahead with total confidence. In particular, fears exist for the future of drama in schools. The Education Reform Act of 1988 has made it more difficult for some schools to arrange visits to theatres. The national curriculum emphasises the value of drama, but confines it within the study of English. In practice, many teachers believe this will reduce the availability of drama classes.

"Morale is low among drama specialists," says Suzy Graham-Adriani, "and there are less extra-curricular activities." She blames changes in education for the surprising fact that the Young Theatre Challenge received only half as many applications in 1990 as in 1989.

The NYT, meanwhile, continues to battle for large-scale funding from the Arts Council. Last year, the Council gave £3,000. This year's grant, if any, has yet to be determined. The NYT is currently being kept alive by Sainsbury's, with additional help from the DES. As Ed Wilson gloomily points out, "nobody holds on to a sponsor for ever".

A youth theatre movement forced to cut down its activities through inadequate funding would be tragic. Now, as never before, it has too much to offer.

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**BLACK ANGEL:** Frank Finlay, Lynn Farleigh and Bernard Gallagher in revenge drama about an unpunished Nazi, by the author of the excellent *Lady and the Clown*. King's Head Theatre, 115 Upper Street, N1 (071-226 1916). Undergound: Highbury & Islington. Opens tonight, 7.30pm. Then Tues-Sat, 8pm, mate Sat and Sun, 3pm (no Sun mat July 15).

**TO BOO WITH LOVE:** Musical tribute at the end of the normal *Late July* programme to celebrate Evelyn Laye's 90th birthday. Players' Theatre, The Arches, Villiers Street, WC2 (071-839 1134). Undergound: Embankment. Opens tomorrow, 8.15pm, then Tues-Sun: *Late July* programme, 8.15pm. *To Boo*, 8.15pm. Until July 22.

**THE DEATH OF CHRISTOPHER MARLOWE:** Noel Greig's accomplished whodunit, climaxing in treachery, espionage and gore. Oval House, 54 Kennington Oval, SE11 (071-582 7880). Undergound: Oval. Wed-Sun, 8pm. Until July 22.

**REMEMBRANCE:** Norman Beal as a Trinidadian schoolteacher recalling a very assortment of memories in revival of Derek Walcott's play. Tricycle, 269 Kilburn High Road, NW6 (071-382 1000). Undergound: Kilburn. Preview from Thurs, 8pm. Opens July 16, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. Until August 11.

**SUGAR HILL BLUES:** Transfer of Kevin Hood's sell-out play, set in 1949, when a Georgian sax player crosses the Atlantic to find jazz in Harlem. Hampstead Theatre, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (071-722 9224). Undergound: Swiss Cottage. Preview Wed, Thurs, 8pm. Opens Fri, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. July 18 and 25: jazz in the foyer afterwards.

## OUTSIDE LONDON

**GLASGOW:** *King Ubu*. International Theatre Season (stealing a march on Edinburgh) opens with the superb Katona Jozsef company from Budapest in a grotesquely funny treatment of *Jany's* tragic farce. Theatre Royal, Hope Street (041-331 1234). Tues-Sat, 7.30pm. Five performances only.

**BRADFORD:** *Keen*. Derek Jacobi in Sartre's drama of the low-born actor with a lifelong identity crisis. Alhambra, Morley Street (0274 752000). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mate Wed, 2pm and Sat, 2.30pm.

**CHICHESTER:** *The Silver King*. Peter Wood's revival of a celebrated 1852 melodrama, with Alan Howard falsely accused of murder. Festival Theatre, Odeons Park (0243 781812). Preview from tonight, 7.30pm. Opens Wed, 7pm. Then in repertoire.

**LIVERPOOL:** *Having a Ball*. Revised version of Alan Bleasdale's seamy comedy, with William Gault stealing himself for the op and Gail Goman playing his awkward wife. Playhouse, Williamson Square (051-709 8363). Opens tonight, 7.30pm, then Mon-Thurs, 7.30pm, Fri and Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm.

**LONDON CABARET**  
**OTIZ CANNELLONI:** Nor Dambina heads over the competing residency at this atmospheric venue to another performer this week. Otiz Cannelloni begins 12 weeks as the Friday-night host, mixing spoof-magic with comedy and charm. His first guests are Jim Tavaré, Pat Condell, Noel James, Keith Tarnan and the Uncoloured Jugglers' Association. Road Rose Club, 129 Seven Sisters Road, N7 (071-267 7265). Undergound: Finsbury Park. Fri, doors 8.30pm, show 9.30pm, Sat (03), plus 50p membership.

**IVOR DEBENHALL:** Meanwhile, Nor heads off to play host at another venue. Here he introduces Mr Nasty, Henry Normal and Michael Road, the most usually confrontational female performer to have emerged in years. T8C2, 20-22 Highbury Corner, N5 (071-700 5718). Undergound: Highbury and Islington. Fri, doors 7.30pm, show 8.30pm, Sat (03), plus 50p membership.

**LAUGHING IN THE CITY:** The Comedy Café is a venue still new to the City, but becoming popular due to its excellent programming. This week watch Bob Bryton, Mickey Hutton, Paul Rogan and Phil Davey. Comedy Café, 66 Fivingson Street, EC2 (071-978 9424). Undergound: Old Street. Fri, Sat, dinner from 7.30pm, show 9pm, Sat.

**EAST DULWICH CABARET:** Mark Steel with his excellent one-man show. Like so many others this month, he is previewing his Edinburgh show, which means the unveiling of new material and the fine-tuning of a few classics. East Dulwich Tavern, 1 Lordship Lane, SE22 (081-299 4138). British Rail: East Dulwich. Fri, Sat, doors 8.30pm, show 9pm, Sat (03).

**HACKNEY PERFORMERS' FESTIVAL:** Performers from as far apart as Soweto and Ireland, Uganda and the USA will gather for two weeks of varied bills. A mixture of music, dance, comedy and theatre - including *The Positive Harriet* presented by Outrageous Fortune, "a revitalisation of Shakespeare with an HIV theme". With regulars John Hegley and John Cooper Clarke. Hackney Empire, 281 Mare Street, E8 (071-985 2424). British Rail: Hackney Central/Hackney Downs. From Fri until July 23.

**MORE HEGLEY:** John Hegley's extended mixed-set of poetry, comedy and audience participation twinned with another extended set from the talented Irishman, Sean Hughes. Chuckle Club, The Stag, 15 Bressenden Place, SW1 (071-476 1572). Undergound: Brixton/Victoria. Sat, doors 7.45pm, show 8.30pm, Sat (03).

## OUTSIDE LONDON

**LIVERPOOL - MERSEYSIDE FESTIVAL OF COMEDY:** There will be over 200 comedy events starting this week in a marvellous, festive extravaganza. Highlights vary from an Alan Bennett play, *Having a Ball* in the Playhouse to a stand-up on a ship with Pauline Dandridge new work by the splendid Claire Dowie, and old favourites like Skit Video, Hattie Heyridge and Dave Cohen. Prunella Scates plays Queen Victoria and Erno Phillips as none other than himself. Plus free seminars on comedy writing, shows for children and late-night cabaret sessions at Trader Jacks. Festival Office, Buxton Chambers, School Lane, Liverpool (051-709 8151). From Friday until July 29.

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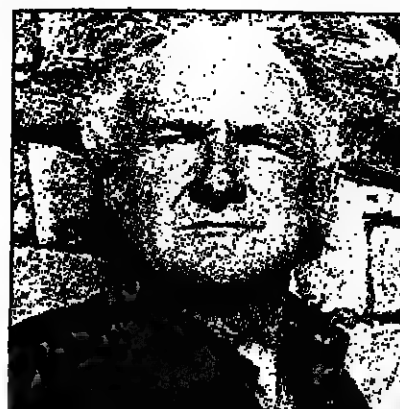
## BBC 1

- 6.00 Ceefax  
6.30 BBC Breakfast News with Nicholas Witchell and Jill Dando 8.55 Regional news and weather  
9.00 News and weather  
9.05 But First This... Summer fun for children, presented by Simon Parkin, beginning with The Perils of Penelope Plotop (r) 9.25 Record Breakers introduced by Roy Castle and Cheryl Baker (r)  
10.00 News and weather followed by Double Dare. Grubby game show (r) 10.30 Playdays  
10.55 Five to Eleven. From Yorkshire's Byland Abbey, Brian Blessed begins a week of readings about monastic life  
11.00 News and weather followed by The Cuckoo's Nest. Faith Brown helps the carys cook prepare mouthwatering chicken dishes (r) 11.30 Boswell's Wildlife Safari to Thailand, a visit to the Khao Yai National Park (r)  
12.00 News and weather followed by Dales (r). (Ceefax) 12.50 Reviving Antiques. How to clean a glass decanter. (Ceefax) 12.55 Regional news and weather  
1.00 News with Philip Hayton. Weather  
1.30 Neighbours. An Australian soap. (Ceefax) 1.50 Home Country. Pamela Stephenson looks at the ups and downs of being a female in a male-dominated world (r)  
2.20 The Six Million Dollar Man. The man and bolts man helps protect a head of state who is having the first bionic heart transplant 3.10 Head of the Class. First of a new series of the campus comedy about a highly-strung teacher struggling to control a class of precocious brats. Starring Howard Hesseman  
3.35 News from Every Angle. A look behind the scenes of the BBC newsroom with Martin Lewis

## BBC 2

- 8.00 News  
8.15 Westminster. Brian Curious looks at last Friday's events in the House of Commons and the House of Lords  
8.30 Impossible Dream. The story of Vivienne and Joe Famin, a couple from the Wirral, who are running an international relief effort for Ecuador's needy from their own home  
8.00 Mastermind 86. Magnus Magnusson fires the questions in the first programme from the first round of four years ago (r) 9.30 Class of '81: Hives. A comedy about the ballet performed by children from Hereford Middle School in Leeds (r)  
9.35 French Grand Prix. Highlights of yesterday's race at the Paul Ricard Circuit (r) 10.15 Festival. Funnymen Bill Oddie travels to Clydebank, near Glasgow (r). (Ceefax)  
10.50 Cricket: Third Test. Tony Lewis introduces coverage of the morning session of the fourth day of the match at Edgbaston between England and New Zealand  
1.05 Past and Present Preserved. Teylers Museum, built in 1778, the oldest museum in the Netherlands is home to numerous scientific and artistic objects from the 18th century  
1.20 Bertha. The story of a machine with a mind of its own, narrated by Roy Kinnear and Sheila Walker (r)  
1.35 Cricket: Third Test. Further coverage of the match between England and New Zealand at Edgbaston. The

- 4.10 The New Lassie. Animated series featuring the faithful, adventurous collie. (Ceefax) 4.35 Droids. Space age adventures. (Ceefax)  
4.55 Newsround  
5.05 Blue Peter Files: The World Yvette Fielding and John Lee report on their expedition to Zimbabwe. (Ceefax)  
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) Northern Ireland: Sportsweek 5.40 Inside Ulster  
6.00 News with Peter Sissons and Jill Dando. Weather  
6.30 Regional News Magazines. Northern Ireland: Neighbours  
7.00 Wogan. The guests are the saint and the showman, Mother Teresa of Calcutta and Michael Heseltine  
7.30 Masterchef. Sally Clarke, chef at Clarke's restaurant in London, joins Loyd Grossman and Edwin Currie MP to find Britain's best amateur cook. (Ceefax)  
8.00 Bread. Another slice of Liverpool life in Carla Lane's forthright comedy series (r). (Ceefax)  
8.30 Up to Something! Six eager young comic talents parade their wares in a fast-moving, irreverently unsworn, mix of jokes and sketches. Tonight's items include terrifying monsters, an alternative Eurovision Song contest entry and a star-studded Zoro Talenti. The guest is Derek Jameson. (Ceefax)  
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. Regional news and weather  
9.30 Gyles Gyles. Where Are You Now?  
● Jeremy Sandford's *Cathy Come Home* is probably television's most famous single drama. A harrowing account of a homeless family, it stung consciences and led to the setting up of Shelter. Twenty-five years on, Sandford looks again at the plight of the homeless and concludes that little has changed for the better and much for the worse. His film is peppered with statistics which suggest that compared with 1968 six times as many people are sleeping rough and eight

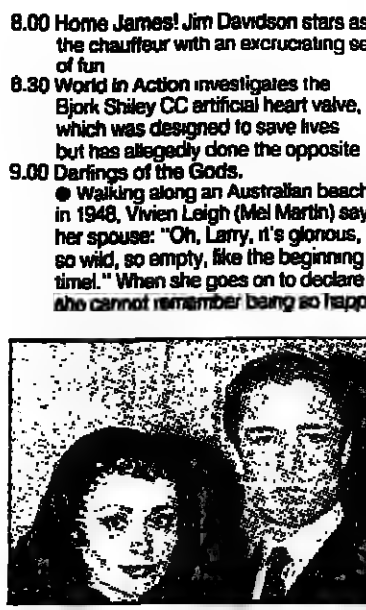


Jeremy Sandford: homeless plight (9.30pm)

- times as many are living in emergency accommodation. Sandford blames the dramatic decline in the building of council houses and the Thatcherite assault on welfare state dependency. He looks at attempts by the homeless to help themselves, by setting up their own communities, but argues that only the state can build homes in numbers and at a price that ordinary people can afford. (Ceefax)  
10.10 Come Dancing 80. Angela Rippon presides as teams representing Birmingham and Cardiff compete in the fantasy world of the Tower Ballroom, Blackpool. Northern Ireland: 29 Bedford Street  
10.40 Miami Vice: The Last Madonna. Designer suits and stunner in this pretentious cop series starring posy Don Johnson and Philip Michael Thomas. Northern Ireland: 11.00 Miami Vice  
11.30 A Certain Age. Out of the Wood. New series of six programmes showing how people react when they reach the half-century. Northern Ireland: 11.50-12.20 A Certain Age  
12.00 Weather

## ITV LONDON

- 8.00 TV-am  
8.25 Chain Letters. Word association game hosted by Alan Stewart 9.55 Thames News and weather  
10.00 Out of This World. Adventures of an alien being who inhabits her alien father's powers  
10.30 This Morning. Magazine presented by Richard Madeley and Judy Finnigan  
12.05 Playbox (r) 12.25 Home and Away  
1.00 News at One with John Suchet  
1.20 Santa Barbara 1.50 A Country Practice  
2.20 Family Theatre: Sunshine's on the Way. A girl encourages nursing home residents to form a jazz band 3.15 News headlines 3.20 Thames News and weather 3.25 Families. Soap set in northern England and Australia  
3.55 Coconuts 4.00 What-a-Mess. Adventures of a scruffy puppy (Oracle)  
4.15 She-Ra: Princess of Power  
4.40 Documentaries: Fans. Who are the fans that make pop stars the heroes they are?  
5.10 Sporting Triangles. Sports quiz  
5.40 News with Sue Carpenter. Weather  
5.55 Thames Help with details of Open Learning centres  
6.00 Home and Away (r)  
6.30 Thames News and weather  
7.00 The Cook Report. The investigative journalist that helps you to hit returns to uncover more things that the public should know about  
7.30 Coronation Street. (Oracle)



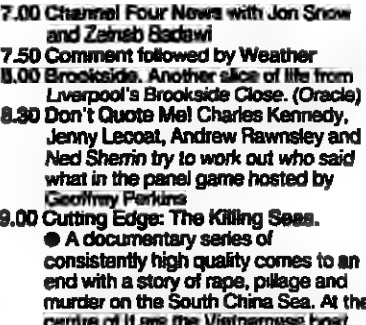
Mel Martin and Anthony Higgins (9.00pm)

experienced mini-series watchers will guess that the opposite is true. They will be right. Charting the couple's post-war tour of Aussie with the Old Vic, the drama catches the Oliver-Leigh marriage just as it is starting to come apart. Obsessively jealous of the younger Jean Simmons, Ophelia Olivier's screen Hamlet, Leigh hits the bottle, has a nervous breakdown

- 8.00 Home James! Jim Davidson stars as the chauffeur with an excruciating sense of fun  
8.30 World In Action investigates the Bjork Shiley CC artificial heart valve, which was designed to save lives but has allegedly done the opposite  
9.00 Darlings of the Gods. A walking along an Australian beach in 1948. Vivien Leigh (Mel Martin) says to her spouse: "Oh, Larry, it's glorious, so wild, so empty, like the beginning of time." When she goes on to declare she cannot remember bang as happy, and escapes into the arms of Peter Finch. Battling with unfortunate deluge, Mel Martin manages to make her more or less credible, although there is a considerably better play to be written about this troubled actress. Given the near-impossible task of trying to convey Olivier, including aspects of her Hamlet and Richard III, Anthony Higgins comes up with a maitreé idol who sometimes sounds more like Noel Coward. Continues after the news (Oracle)  
10.00 News at Ten with Trevor McDonald and Fiona Armstrong. Weather 10.30 Thames News and weather  
10.35 Darlings of the Gods continued. (Oracle)  
11.35 Frontiers. A new series on medical matters considers the dangers of addiction to exercise  
12.05am Murphy's Law: Experience Is Something You Don't Get Until Just after You Need It. Lighthearted crime series starring George Segal as an insurance claim investigator  
1.00 Sportsweek Extra. Simon Reed presents highlights of the Monte Carlo Open Golf. Followed by News headlines  
2.00 Film: Making of a Male Model (1987) starring Joan Collins and Jon-Erik Hexum. A cult made-for-television tale of a ranch hand who is turned into a male sex symbol by a model agency mogul. Directed by Irving J. Moore  
4.00 60 Minutes. Award-winning American news magazine series  
5.00 ITN Morning News with Anne Leathers. Ends at 6.00

## CHANNEL 4

- 6.00 Noah's Ark. The sea elephants of the Patagonian beaches  
8.20 Business Daily  
8.30 The Channel 4 Daily  
9.25 The Art of Landscape. Footage of breathtaking scenery with a musical background  
11.00 As It Happens. Paddy Haycock and the team take to London's streets to capture on film whatever the capital has to offer, starting with traffic in Kensington  
12.00 A Total Obsession. Marie McCuskey's hopes of making a career as a professional dancer were dashed by illness. She has become a dance teacher, passing on her enthusiasm for ballet, jazz and contemporary dance to her students in Swindon (r)  
12.30 Business Daily  
1.00 Science Street. Educational entertainment for children  
2.00 How To Survive the Nine to Five. Continuing the Open College series examining our attitudes and reactions to work (r). (Oracle)  
2.30 Film: The Captive Heart (1946, b/w) starring Michael Redgrave, Michael Johns and Jack Warner. A moving and skilfully crafted drama covering five years in the lives of English prisoners-of-war in Germany and the women who wait for them to return. Directed by Basil Dearden  
4.20 The Way to the Top. Dutch  
4.30 Countdown  
5.00 TV 101. Comedy series about an American high school television news station  
6.00 The Planets. The circumstances that led to the on Earth explained by Jeremy Charles (r). (Oracle)  
6.30 Tour de France. Stage nine - Bessancin to Geneva, a distance of 191km



Andrew Sachs: traditional standards (10.00pm)

believes in traditional standards and finds it hard to come to terms with new methods and a multi-racial society. At Malik is the modern head, a politically ambitious socialist who does not hesitate to enter the capitalist market place to boost his funds. A resulting industrial sponsorship which embarrasses him turns out to involve South African money neatly pulled together the main issues and sets up a surprising denouement  
11.00 The Dazzling Image. Four short films from young makers. *Ballad of Reading Gaol* is Richard Krieger's interpretation of the speech Oscar Wilde made at the Old Bailey before being sentenced to two years hard labour for gross indecency; Christopher Newby's *The Old Man of the Sea* shows the Anguise school. On this evidence he gave him plenty of material, possibly too much for a one-hour slot. Traditional teacher versus modern manager, catering for racial minorities and the morality of sponsorship are the only most prominent of the rich cluster of themes which *Mixing It* explores. At times it becomes almost too schematic and debate takes over. Andrew Sachs plays a teacher of the old order who



Andrew Sachs: traditional standards (10.00pm)

12.05am Philosophical Sketches. Images and sounds are intermingled in this collection of short pieces featuring computer art  
1.25 Tour de France 1990. See 6.30. Ends at 1.50

## RADIO 1

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## WORLD SERVICE

- All times in BST.  
6.00am World News 6.09 24 Hours 6.30am London News 6.55am World News 7.00am News 7.10am The Guardian 7.15am News 7.20am News Summary and Financial News 7.30am Sportsweek 8.45am Worldbeat Report 9.00am News 9.09am World News 9.15am On the Move 9.30am Anything Goes 10.00am World News 10.09am Report of the British Press 10.15am News 10.20am Sportsweek 10.30am News 10.39am World News 10.45am News 10.50am News 10.55am News 10.59am News 11.00am News 11.05am News 11.10am News 11.15am News 11.20am News 11.25am News 11.30am News 11.35am News 11.40am News 11.45am News 11.50am News 11.55am News 12.00am News 12.05am News 12.10am News 12.15am News 12.20am News 12.25am News 12.30am News 12.35am News 12.40am News 12.45am News 12.50am News 12.55am News 1.00am News 1.05am News 1.10am News 1.15am News 1.20am News 1.25am News 1.30am News 1.35am News 1.40am News 1.45am News 1.50am News 1.55am News 2.00am News 2.05am News 2.10am News 2.15am News 2.20am News 2.25am News 2.30am News 2.35am News 2.40am News 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## Butlers Wharf 'valued at £138m'

By MATTHEW BOND

THE Butlers Wharf project next to Tower Bridge in London has a current value substantially ahead of the £50 million worth of borrowings secured on the property, according to Sir Terence Conran, chairman of the private company that owns the project.

"The directors recently did a valuation that showed it was worth £138 million," said Sir Terence yesterday.

He pointed out that even a very conservative valuation carried out for Regalian, the property group, three months ago gave the project a value of £107 million.

The book cost of the 650,000 square feet development in Butlers Wharf's most recent (and qualified) accounts for the year to March 1989, less the loans outstanding, gives the company a negative net worth of £6.6 million.

But Sir Terence disagrees, believing that the project still has a substantial positive capital value.

Regalian withdrew from a plan to acquire a 50 per cent stake in Butlers Wharf for £10 million, amid worries that the deal would have increased its exposure to Docklands and harm the company's share price.

Butlers Wharf's current financial problems have been caused by the downturn in the housing market. The company relied on selling expensive riverside flats to pay its interest bills.

Talks aimed at bringing in another investor or group of investors continue, Sir Terence said.

After Regalian's withdrawal, Morgan Grenfell, the merchant bank, was called in last month to advise on a refinancing plan.

Sir Terence owns 73 per cent of the company's ordinary shares. Other shareholders include Roger Seelig and Lord Rothschild, both former directors.

Sir Robert McAlpine, the private construction company, has a 10 per cent stake.

## Pru to cut 100 estate agencies

PRUDENTIAL Corporation will this week confirm that it is to close over 100 of its estate agency offices.

Last year, the Prudential lost £49 million on its estate agents, prompting a warning in its annual report that management had now recognised "the need to take urgent steps to reduce this level of loss".

A report from Coopers & Lybrand Deloitte, recently received by Michael Newmarch, Prudential's chief executive, is understood to offer no alternative to closure.

Prudential Property Services, an aggressive buyer of estate agents during the mid-1980s, owned more than 800 offices at one point. It now has about 680. Joe Bradley, the man who masterminded the expansion of PPS, resigned late last year.

### THE POUND

#### CHANGE ON WEEK

US dollar 1.7865 (+0.0415)  
W German mark 2.9557 (+0.0511)  
Exchange index 93.1 (+1.7)

### STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share 1865.0 (-34.9)  
FT-SE 100 2340.0 (-34.6)  
New York Dow Jones 2904.95 (+24.26)  
Tokyo Nikkei Avge 32445.12 (+504.88)

### TOURIST RATES

|                 | Bank   | Buyer  |
|-----------------|--------|--------|
| Australia \$    | 2.35   | 2.19   |
| Austria S       | 21.50  | 20.25  |
| Belgium F       | 63.80  | 59.80  |
| Canada \$       | 2.18   | 2.04   |
| Denmark Kr      | 11.72  | 11.02  |
| Finland Mk      | 7.22   | 6.82   |
| France Fr       | 10.29  | 9.88   |
| Germany DM      | 3.94   | 3.78   |
| Greece Dr       | 11.82  | 11.02  |
| Hong Kong \$    | 14.50  | 13.80  |
| Ireland P       | 1.15   | 1.12   |
| Italy Lit       | 263.75 | 267.75 |
| Japan Yen       | 160.00 | 155.00 |
| Netherlands Gld | 3.43   | 3.35   |
| Norway Kr       | 263.50 | 253.50 |
| Portugal Esc    | 200.00 | 190.00 |
| South Africa Rd | 5.95   | 5.35   |
| Spain Ptas      | 166.50 | 156.50 |
| Sweden Kr       | 11.11  | 10.51  |
| Switzerland Fr  | 2.00   | 1.94   |
| Turkey Lira     | 4800   | 4600   |
| USA \$          | 1.76   | 1.74   |
| Yugoslavia Dnr  | 24.75  | 18.75  |

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.  
Retail Price Index, 126.32 (May)

# Major to rule out net rise in spending

By RODNEY LORD, ECONOMICS EDITOR

THE chancellor, John Major, will tell the cabinet there is no scope for any net increase in public spending in the pre-election year of 1991-92 if the government is to stick to its planned totals.

Apart from the deal over the community charge, none of the other applications, totalling more than £10 billion, will be accepted unless accompanied by offsetting cuts.

The lack of room for manoeuvre in what is the most difficult survey for some years leaves the government with awkward choices, especially as the chancellor is anxious to retain scope for tax cuts in next year's Budget.

Mr Major will ask his colleagues to agree to endorsing the cash totals with the aim of getting as close to them as possible. But the cabinet agreement is likely to emphasise its main aim as keeping public spending steady or falling as a proportion of the economy.

By keeping the focus mainly on spending in relation to the economy, the government could find an additional £4 billion. Latest Treasury forecasts suggest inflation this year will be about 2 per cent higher than allowed for in the public spending plans. Public spending can rise by the same proportion while remaining within the planned ratio to the economy. But inflation is also responsible for much of the

pressure on cash spending totals. The faster rise in the retail price index could increase the cost of benefits linked to inflation by £1.5 billion-£2 billion.

Other big requests have been made by health, education and transport. Offsetting cuts in spending will largely be confined to defence.

Scope for meeting some of these applications from the reserve has been limited by the cost of alleviating the effects of the poll tax. The Treasury is likely to argue for a working reserve of £3 billion in next year's plans, leaving scope in the existing £6 billion for allocating an extra £3 billion to spending programmes.

But about £2.5 billion of this has been taken by the decision to increase next year's grants to local authorities to help relieve the pain of the poll tax. Other commitments include the planned extension to the Jubilee line of London's Underground and a better deal for pensioners.

To help create a little more scope the Treasury may raise its estimate of privatisation proceeds next year. A buoyant stock market has boosted the possible proceeds from the electricity sale, but the rise would not be more than £1 billion, and in measuring public spending as a proportion of the economy, privatisation proceeds are excluded.

The City is nervous about the government's limited op-

tion. Analysts believe that, excluding privatisation proceeds, public sector debt repayment may have virtually come to an end by the close of the financial year, removing the "cushion" of the budget surplus, which some ministers have argued provides scope for extra spending. Borrowing has been high in the first two months of the year in contrast to repayments last year.

In Houston yesterday, Mr Major signalled his willingness to be a hair-shirt chancellor, keeping interest rates high for much longer than his colleagues had contemplated (Robin Oakley writes).

Mr Major is willing to use the interest rate weapon in the longer-term interests of the economy, even if it means keeping rates higher at the time of the next election than the Tory party would find electorally comfortable.

His words will indicate that all serious hopes of a spring election next year have been put aside.

Mr Major said: "The constraint and then the reduction of inflation is a matter of prime importance."

Asked if that meant a willingness to go into the next election with high interest rates, he replied: "What alternative would you have, would you prefer higher inflation? Nobody would prefer higher inflation. The purpose of interest rates is to bear down on inflation and get it down."

## Globe will take complaint over share trade to panel

By NEIL BENNETT

GLOBE Investment Trust intends to complain to the takeover panel over the share trade between the Coal Board Pension Funds and Postel, the Post Office pension funds. This helped the coal funds to victory in their £1.11 billion hostile bid last Friday.

The coal funds yesterday declared the bid unconditional, claiming control over 53.1 per cent of the shares. They have valid cover of 57.9 per cent. The offer will remain open until further notice.

Barclays de Zoete Wedd, the funds' adviser, will also keep its cash offer in the market open for another week, to allow holders the opportunity to sell and receive their

money earlier than through the offer process. The shares go ex-dividend on Monday, so sellers will receive 20p and their 4p dividend later.

The extension is intended to offer Globe's 40,000 private investors the same facilities used by the institutions last Friday. But private-client stockbrokers have attacked BZW's insistence that firms should deliver share certificates and transfer forms within 48 hours. They claim this is impossible, particularly as many clients keep their certificates at banks.

Postel's sale of 9.7 million shares at midday on Friday was the trigger that decided most of Globe's other institu-

tional investors to accept the offer and take the coal funds past 50 per cent. It was done on a cum dividend basis, however, which will give Postel a £124,000 tax gain.

Globe will complain to the Panel that this artificially increased the final offer price of 20.5p a share.

The coal funds are believed to be untroubled by this last-ditch defence. Globe was told earlier in the week that BZW could make a cum dividend offer and raised no objections.

"We have declared the bid unconditional," said Malcolm Le May, from BZW. "We look forward to receiving Globe's board's recommendation."

Times, page 25

## Dunsdale accounts scrutiny

By ANGELA MACKAY

THE Serious Fraud Office will this week show the accounts of Dunsdale Securities, the collapsed financial services group, for the first time to Stoy Hayward and Sorsky Defries, the provisional liquidators.

This does, however, depend on the two accounting firms being confirmed as full liquidators on Wednesday when an application will be made to wind up Dunsdale.

So far, only £360,000 has been traced by the provisional liquidators, compared with estimated investors' funds of about £17 million.

The Dunsdale affair has sparked an enquiry by most of the City's watchdogs, includ-

ing the Stock Exchange and the Department of Trade and Industry, into the company's alleged involvement with a share dealing network specialising in "front running".

This involves buying or selling shares using knowledge of another inter-broker deal. There is some confusion over whether this is a criminal offence or a matter to be dealt with by the regulators.

The provisional liquidators are also trying to find more information about Dunsdale's own auditors, David A Rose, the chartered accountant. In 1988, the firm charged less than £1,300 for a full audit of the two leading Dunsdale

companies in the group, which was twice as much as that charged in the previous year.

Marjorie Mowlam, Labour's spokeswoman on City affairs, will today question Nicholas Ridley, trade secretary, over his department's actions in the Dunsdale affair. She will ask when the DTI was first warned about problems at the firm, and how much of investors' money went missing while the department was supervising it.

"Fimbria are in the firing line at the moment and being made to carry the can," she said. "But other agencies, in particular the DTI, are not in the clear."

## Anger at 'lavish' thrift handouts

WASHINGTON AN ARIZONA insurance executive, once indicted for fraud, was allowed to buy 15 insolvent Texas savings and loan associations with borrowed money in 1988. He was also promised \$1.85 billion in federal subsidies, in what congressional investigators call the worst abuse found in the federal bail-out programme.

Although the charges against him were dropped, a company controlled by him pleaded guilty to securities fraud in 1976.

Government documents show that the businessman, James Fail, of Phoenix, put up only \$1,000 of his own money and borrowed the rest of the \$70 million he needed to buy the institutions, from outside sources and his own insurance company. He then consolidated the institutions into Bluebonnet Savings, in Dallas. Last year, with the first \$250 million of federal payments pledged over ten years, Bluebonnet was the most profitable large S&L in America.

"In all my years in public office," said Senator Howard Metzenbaum (Democrat, Ohio), "I have never seen such an abandonment of public responsibility as

in the S&L deals in 1988, and the Bluebonnet deal is an abomination, the worst case we have found." Mr Metzenbaum is chairman of a Senate judiciary sub-committee that has scheduled a hearing on the matter today.

He says the subsidies paid to entice investors to take over ailing S&L institutions were too generous.

New information on the deal with Mr Fail is likely to fuel the argument between the Bush administration and Democrats in Congress over who is to blame for the savings scandal.

The information shows that regulators allowed Mr Fail to acquire the Texas institutions even though a company controlled by him pleaded guilty to fraud in 1976. Federal regulations specify that such a plea is a "presumptive disqualifier" for a person seeking to buy an S&L.

Danny Wall, chairman of the Federal Home Loan Bank Board during the Bluebonnet deal, insisted there was nothing improper in the handling of the sale.

The federal bank board no longer exists, but its files are being used by investigators studying the award of the

institutions to Mr Fail. In authorising \$159 billion to bail out the savings industry, Congress last year replaced the federal board with the Office of Thrift Supervision, an arm of the Treasury.

The board's files include letters from Robert Thompson, a lobbyist who had served as congressional liaison for George Bush when vice president. Mr Thompson had urged Mr Wall to help Mr Fail's purchase of the institutions.

The board's agreement with Mr Fail called for him to invest \$70 million at closing and \$50 million more over two years. But Mr Fail put in only \$60 million in 1988, waiting until February 28, 1989, to borrow the extra \$10 million. He personally contributed \$1,000, while \$59,999,000 came from two insurance companies, one of which he owned.

The deal closed in December 1988, with Mr Fail still owing the \$10 million. Mr Metzenbaum said Bluebonnet's success stemmed from its ability to take advantage of at least \$250 million in annual subsidies covered by the government's generous deal with Mr Fail.

(New York Times)

## Mills show contrasting faces of struggling industry



Glimmer of light: Graham Robinson says Lea Mills relieves the industry's gloom

## Future of textiles 'lies in exports'

By DEREK HARRIS  
INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

IN DERBYSHIRE, only a few miles from where a Richard Arkwright mill first spun yarn mechanically, are mills showing the two faces of Britain's beleaguered textile and clothing industry.

Derwent Mills at Matlock has been making wool and speciality yarns for the knitting trade since the Thirties. But because of falling demand, Coats Viyella, the owner, has ordered its closure in the autumn, with the loss of 143 jobs.

Less than five miles south are John Smedley's Lea Mills, established just over 200 years ago. The mills still spin yarn but John Smedley, which is privately owned, is best known for quality knitwear and sea island cotton goods. The firm has a knitwear turnover of about £10 million and £4 million for yarn. About 70 per cent of its knitwear is exported.

Graham Robinson, the marketing director, said: "We like to feel we are a glimmer of light amid the present doom and gloom in our industry."

John Smedley's success illustrates some of the conclusions reached in a study by the National Economic Development Council.

Sir Ronald Halstead, the group's chairman, says the textile and clothing sector is Britain's fifth largest industry. It has suffered a spate of closures and reduction of capacity recently.

Textile and clothing exports represent about 27 per cent of output but the British manufacturers have a smaller share of exports to Europe than the Irish Republic, West Germany, Italy and Denmark. Between 30 and 40 per cent of producers do not export at all.

The NEDC report identifies the need for stronger marketing and exporting, better management training, upgrading of workforce skills, shortening of design and production cycles, well targeted and lively use of design.

Three future developments show how time is running out for the industry. The advent of the single European market and likely reduction in protection of the multi-fibre arrangement will have an impact and preferential treatment for exports from Eastern Europe could also prove a threat to textile and clothing production in Britain.

## Siemens unveils 20% rise in UK orders

By OUR CITY STAFF

THE president of Siemens, Karlheinz Kaske, has revealed that orders in Britain are more than 20 per cent ahead of last year, one of the group's highest rates worldwide.

"We are struck by the high growth rates in Britain," he said, "generated by internal growth and acquisitions." In West Germany, by contrast, sales fell 3 per cent due to the end of billing for the Neckar 2 nuclear power station.

He is here to visit the British operations. In Manchester, the company has launched an

£11 million energy and automation sales centre; it is spending £5.5 million to expand its Oxford Magnet Technology factory, and £4 million on a new plant for electronic metering. Siemens says it has several projects ready for its Plessey radar subsidiaries.

New orders for the whole group rose 8 per cent to DM46 billion in the eight months to end-May, while sales were up 4 per cent to DM40.2 billion. Dr Kaske predicted that sales would reach DM64 billion by the year-end, up 5 per cent.

## Dozens of mortgages claim to save you money. But are they being economical with the truth?

There have never been so many special mortgage offers on the market.

Some of them offer outstanding opportunities to some people. Others have hidden weaknesses - problems which may not become apparent for years.

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# Confidence fades as finance sector stays gloomy over outlook

By DEREK HARRIS, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

FINANCIAL services operators, including banks, building societies, insurance companies and commodity brokers, are still gloomy about prospects, despite an improvement in business with overseas customers in the past three months.

Banks and finance houses report a decline in domestic business with industrial and commercial organisations and a more marked downturn in business with individuals.

The trends emerge in the third quarterly survey of financial services carried out by the Confederation of British Industry and Coopers & Lybrand Deloitte.

Although growth in business volumes has lowered

average costs in some sectors, generally cost pressures continue to be strong throughout the industry.

Overall confidence in the financial services sector has declined for the third successive quarter. Almost one firm in three said it was less optimistic about prospects than three months ago although the decline was less marked than in the last survey. Least optimistic were the bankers, where 57 per cent were gloomier about the overall business outlook. In general insurance, 52 per cent also took a gloomier view. However, eight fund managers out of ten were more optimistic.

Overall volume of business grew in the past three months

but the survey underlines that the levels are still below normal for the time of year.

Volume of business is expected to grow at a slower rate in the next three months. In banking, a moderate rise in the past three months is expected to change to a modest fall.

For 14 per cent in the survey, overseas business was above normal in the past three months.

The jobs growth trend has continued but at a slower rate. Declines were reported by finance houses, other lending institutions, fund managers and venture capital providers. In the next three months, firms generally forecast a slightly faster growth rate.

## New-business ban on accountant

ERNST & Whinney, one of the world's leading accountants, has been banned by a judge from accepting new business in the New York region for more than a month, following a ruling that it performed defective audits on a company nearly 10 years ago.

Judge Jerome Soffer, an administrative law judge with the Securities and Exchange Commission, said the conduct of the firm and Mr Michael Ferrante, one of its managing partners, allowed the United States Surgical Corporation to overstate profits by at least

\$12 million in 1980 and 1981. The firm will not appeal and does not expect status Mr Ferrante's status to change. The 45-day ban order covers six of the firm's 122 offices and any partners and staff of Arthur Young, which merged with Ernst last year.

## London 'top exchange in Europe'

By MATTHEW BOND

THE Stock Exchange in London is still the first choice of international companies looking for a European listing, says the London Business School.

The LBS report, commissioned by Nicholson Graham & Jones, the solicitor, shows London remains ahead of Paris and Frankfurt. Of American companies contemplating a London listing, 86 per cent rated London as Europe's most attractive exchange.

The survey's surprise findings came from European companies asked about their listing intentions. About 73 per cent of the French companies rated London first for an additional listing, with 36 per cent voting for London ahead of their own Paris bourse. Twenty five per cent of German companies preferred London to Frankfurt. Of the British companies surveyed, just under two-thirds voted Frankfurt first choice for a listing on the Continent, with the rest choosing Paris.

The report concludes that a company chooses an overseas listing to expand its investor base and raise its overseas profile. But such benefits had to be set against clearly identifiable costs. Despite these reservations, about 60 per cent of British and Continental companies had found their overseas listing beneficial.

## Adams heading for 9% share

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH

ADAMS, the children's store owned by Sears, is likely to overtake Mothercare next year as the leading specialist retailer of clothing for children from birth to seven years of age.

The company, which opened its 200th store on Friday, in Swinsea, has 6.9 per cent of the market compared with Mothercare, which controls 7.9 per cent.

However, Adams is forecast to hold more than 9 per cent of the market by January.

Marks & Spencer is the largest children's wear retailer at present, with 12.8 per cent of the market, but that figure has fallen from more than 15 per cent in 1988.

Adams made operating profits of £7.33 million last year on sales of £83.7 million.

The company is forecast to make £9 million profits on sales of £108 million this year.

Like-for-like sales growth within the chain is running at 8.8 per cent and sales per square foot will reach £280 this year.

The group has been owned by Sears, of which Michael Pickard is chief executive, since 1985. Michael Adams, the son of the founder, is the chairman and has plans to take the company to mainland Europe.

The company has been considering Spain as a possible first market on the continent and an Adams store may be opened there next year.



Pointing the way to growth in sales: Michael Pickard, chief executive of Sears

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## Dismissed director sues Ferranti for \$198,000 pension

By ANGELA MACKAY

A FORMER director of Ferranti International, R. Clyde Ivy, is suing the company to reclaim his \$198,000 annual pension, cancelled last year when the company accused him of wrongdoing.

Mr Ivy was the former president of International Signal and Control's foreign sales division. He was a close associate of ISC's founder, James Guerin, who became deputy chairman of Ferranti when the company bought ISC in 1987.

Mr Ivy, of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, was dismissed in November when the company accused him of fraud, commission of a felony and dishonesty.

He was also accused of failing to co-operate fully with Ferranti's various investigations to try to recover more than £200 million which was siphoned out of the group through an alleged defence contract fraud.

Ferranti recently obtained judgment in British courts against Mr Guerin and two other former Ferranti employees, in addition to four Panamanian companies, in relation to the fraud. They were ordered to pay almost US\$190

million each. In evidence supplied to the court, Mr Ferranti's former chairman, Sir Derek Alun-Jones, wrote to Mr Ivy's superior in the US saying that he was disappointed with Mr Ivy's response to questions about South African defence contracts.

This letter was sent a few days before Ferranti had its shares suspended on the Stock Exchange in London in preparation for an announcement about the shortfall in its assets caused by an alleged fraud.

Mr Ivy later said he told Sir Derek that he had made his files available to senior Ferranti officials and offered to travel to South Africa to introduce Ferranti directors to senior executives of the South African company.

However, Mr Ivy was later sent a letter telling him he was dismissed and would not get a pension nor any reimbursement for legal fees incurred in connection with a Philadelphia investigation into Mr Guerin's activities.

Mr Ivy has challenged Ferranti to prove its allegations against him, and has requested a retraction.

## Trump forced to make early tax payments

From PHILIP ROBINSON IN LOS ANGELES

DONALD Trump, the property developer, has been forced to make early payment of \$13.6 million in taxes on his three Manhattan commercial properties to help ease New York's budget cash flow problems.

Mr Trump, who was lent a further \$65 million by 70

bankers last week to ease his own cash crisis, paid \$7.3 million on the Plaza Hotel, \$4.3 million on rail yards in west Manhattan and a little over \$2 million on commercial floors of Trump Tower, his building in Fifth Avenue.

The taxes were demanded 11 days early.

## Delta acquires Atub

DELTA, the electrical and engineering group, has paid £4 million for Atub, a French manufacturer of copper tube fittings, which is based near Chartres. The manufacture of

plumbing fittings is the largest activity in Delta's engineering division. The French addition complements manufacturing capacity in Britain, West Germany and Spain.

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## Plag heads for home

THE chief executive of the pharmaceutical giant, Glaxo, has been asked to return to his home country of England. The company's chairman, Sir Philip Plag, has asked Mr Plag to return to his home country of England. The company's chairman, Sir Philip Plag, has asked Mr Plag to return to his home country of England. The company's chairman, Sir Philip Plag, has asked Mr Plag to return to his home country of England.

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# Britain sets out its hard ecu stall

## ECONOMIC VIEW

RODNEY LORD

Tomorrow, the European Community central bank governors meeting in Basle will have their first opportunity to consider the British government's alternative vision of monetary Europe. Judging by the comments made so far by the Bundesbank's articulate president, Karl Otto Pöhl, the result of their debate is likely to be a foregone conclusion.

All except one will agree that here is a typically complicated proposal from the British, which is really a smokescreen to conceal Margaret Thatcher's determination to have nothing to do with Europe.

Appearances, however, may not tell the whole story. In the first place, there has been a noticeable desire to encourage the British to participate in the European debate, even if their contribution may be at odds with that of most of their partners.

Pierre Bérégovoy, the French finance minister, welcomed Britain's proposals for a "hard ecu" as a contribution that needed to be examined. Even the Commission president, Jacques De-

lors, has studiously refrained from criticism.

The nature of Herr Pöhl's reservations about the Delors proposals has also become clearer. In an outburst of candour during his evidence to the House of Lords committee on economic and monetary union, he said: "I don't need a European central bank - the Bundesbank is good enough for me. But some of our European partners feel this arrangement is asymmetric."

In his lecture to the Institute of Economic Affairs he emphasised the very substantial sacrifice that Germany would make in substituting the authority of the Bundesbank in monetary matters for that of an untried European institution - a sacrifice, he said, that many in Germany did not seem to have yet appreciated. If the choice were between the mark, tried and tested, and a new European currency, one can hardly blame the Germans for opting first for the mark.

However, if politics forces the alternative European option, then Herr Pöhl is determined that the new monetary authority should be genuinely independent - preferably located in Frankfurt and headed by Karl Otto.

"Subsidiarity definitely has no place in the realm of monetary policy," Herr Pöhl said.

In other words, responsibility for monetary policy must either be laid with an independent European institution or with national authorities, but on no account with an amalgam of the two. The nightmare haunting the Bundesbank is one of finding itself sharing responsibility for monetary policy with a lot of feckless Greeks, Italians and British. What divides the British

from the Germans is not the end but the means. Both want Emu to be arranged so that it reduces rather than increases inflation. This leads Herr Pöhl, convinced that only a European currency will be a politically acceptable basis for Emu, to press for the independent European central bank that is anathema to the sovereignty-conscious British Parliament.

The British alternative, ironically, amounts to choosing the mark, or rather to choosing German monetary policy via a hard ecu, which would be linked to the mark as the strongest currency in the EC. Either of these alternatives might be acceptable from the point of view of curbing

inflation. The European alternative is much more ambitious because it is aimed at a single currency, with all the attendant benefits to trade, rather than a common currency, which would trade as one among many. But it is also far riskier. With interest rates in the Community ranging from 20 per cent in Greece to 8 per cent in Germany, fiscal policies ranging from budget surplus in Britain to large deficit in Italy and a wide dispersion of productivity, income and employment, the strains that a single currency could impose would be enormous.

Herr Pöhl implicitly recognises this with his veiled references to a two-speed Europe (perish the thought that such a phrase should ever actually pass his lips). As he pointed out to their Lordships, members of the EMS are already travelling at several different speeds. The Netherlands has for several years linked the guilder to the mark, as has non-member

Austria with the schilling, and recently this DM bloc has been joined by Belgium. In the rest of the ERM, the currencies in the standard 2½ per cent band were joined at the beginning of the year by Italy, leaving Spain alone in the wider 6 per cent band. Britain, Portugal and Greece are members of the EMS but not of the ERM. Given this range of affiliation to the EMS, is it not possible to enter into Emu without waiting for the last ship in the convoy, Herr Pöhl asks.

Economically speaking this is common sense. But as Mr Major indicated to the Confederation of British Industry in Wales on Friday, the notion of an inner core of favoured members of the Community is also deeply divisive.

The more the implications of Emu on the Delors pattern are considered, the more apparent it will become that a two-tier Europe is the only kind of Europe on offer in the Delors world. At that stage, hopes the British government, the Community may fall back on some variant of the British proposals as second best. We shall see.

## TEMPUS

# Doubts about Ratners deal make shares a sure thing

Ratners, the jewellery group, has been successful partly because it bought up its competitors, rather than adding to the total number of jewellery stores. The company now dominates a decreasingly competitive market.

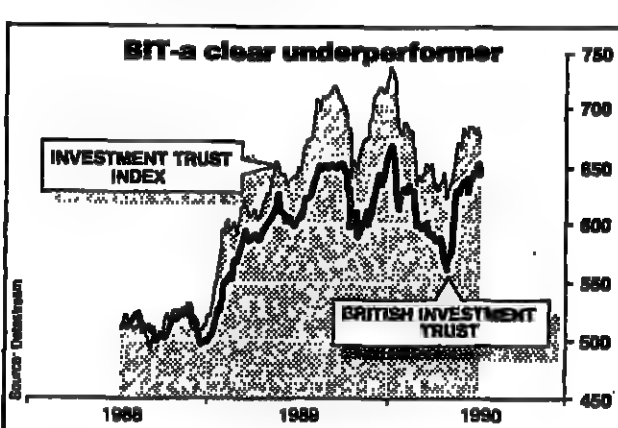
Gerald Ratner, chairman, bought another competitor last week, the struggling American jewellery chain Kay Jewelers, financing the \$421 million purchase with a US convertible preference share issue. Ratner is raising \$130 million in a one-for-four rights issue at 220p in order to make a tender offer for Kay's junk bonds and wipe out Kay's \$84.1 million of bank borrowings.

The deal is the biggest Mr Ratner has done in America and will give him 1,000 shops and 6 per cent of the American jewellery market. It will increase Ratner's fully diluted equity capital by 38 per cent and take gearing from 35 per cent to 38 per cent.

The offer appears generous for a company some observers believed was about to file for Chapter 11 bankruptcy. It values Kay's shares at \$17 compared with a pre-bid market price of \$10.78. Junk bond holders are offered 75 cents in the dollar and that may have to be increased to secure the necessary 51 per cent acceptance. At the offer price, Ratners is buying each Kay store for \$825,000, significantly lower than previous deals.

Ratners will raise roughly \$40 million from the sale of two Kay chains and will save \$20 million by closing Kay's head office. Mr Ratner is adamant he can squeeze big profits out of the chain than anyone else could.

Ratners has yet to make a serious mistake and the City is likely to give him the benefit



of the doubt. The shares, as ever, are worth picking up while the doubts remain.

## Cable & Wireless

Institutional demand for Cable & Wireless shares was largely satisfied on Friday when Hutchison Whampoa sold 51.1 million of them. Meanwhile, the strength of sterling means City forecasts of likely 1991 pre-tax profits have been cut.

However, the shares stayed well above the 518p placing price and closed at 527p on Friday after opening at 548p, and though the ownership profile may have changed, the pedigree has not.

The July 17 valedictory message from Lord Sharp, the outgoing chairman, could acknowledge the City's target of group pre-tax profits reaching £1 billion by 1993. The heavy capital investment being laid down today still looks likely to bring handsome rewards tomorrow.

Sterling's weakness meant a £41 million currency boost to profits in the year ended March, when £527 million (£420 million) was earned. However, currency is now working against C&W, and if

£720 million this year and £830 million next were City forecasts, these have now been clipped to £700 million for 1991 and £800 million for 1992.

At 527p the prospective p/e is 14.6, easing to 13.3 on 1992 projections. Sterling's movements will dictate investment timing, but for the long term investors should have little hesitation in staying on the line.

## Globe

Small shareholders in Globe Investment Trust face an unenviable choice after the takeover victory by British Coal Pension Funds. The 205p-per-share cash offer never looked generous, even less once capital gains tax of up to 50p is deducted. The loan note and Malvern tracker fund alternatives avoid this but are hardly glittering investment opportunities.

The other option, sitting tight, is even less attractive. British Coal may not be able to acquire 100 per cent ownership, but members of any minority are unlikely to face a prosperous future. British Investment Trust, where British Coal has owned an 80 per cent

stake since 1972, has been a clear underperformer among its peers, since bid speculation will never help to reduce its discount.

Even though private Globe investors voted against the offer in the trust's telephone poll, they should accept the cash and reinvest.

Many will reinvest in the sector, and half of the £800 million to be paid out by British Coal might go to other trusts, providing a short-term fillip for Globe's closest rivals, Foreign & Colonial (£1.1 billion) and Edinburgh (£800 million). Share prices have already risen in anticipation.

Even so, trusts' discounts are unlikely to fall below the current 14 to 16 per cent level. At this point it is unprofitable for a fund to launch a bid against a trust unless it has a large stake built up at cheap historic prices. British Coal's next likely target is Alliance, where it has 12.5 per cent, but it will have to digest Globe first.

The long-term future for the industry is bleak. New trusts are incapable of replacing disinvestment on the scale of the Globe bid. The largest launch in recent memory, Drayton Asia, raised £100 million.

The only glimmer of hope is the continuing success of regular savings plans. Already 15 per cent of Ivory & Sons Optimism Income is held by individuals, attracted by easy access and low management fees. The proportion in other trusts is growing monthly.

If institutional investors remain such niggardly holders of trust shares, the industry's future may well lie in the hands of Joe Public, who they were created for in the first place.

## US NOTEBOOK

# Jobs confusion compounded

POLICY makers and policy "forecasters" in the United States are trying to base their thoughts and actions on employment figures that are turning into a quicksand of ever-wider revisions and interpretations.

Accordingly, one must assume that the Federal Reserve, with its long-term commitment to ever-lower inflation, will not change its policy stance a whit on the basis of the payroll employment data that left Wall Street holding big losses on Friday.

America is a vast economic machine, turning out each year at least twice the volume of goods and services (more like three times if the truth could be told) than is produced by the next biggest economic unit, Japan.

The American economy is exceedingly diverse, geographically widespread and in constant motion. It has often been compared with a vast super-tanker that takes a distance of several miles to stop and a very long time to start moving again.

Yet the monthly payroll employment numbers that have left Wall Street numb present a picture of a sprightly midge of an economy darting from no-unemployment growth to high-unemployment growth and back again in the space of four-weekly intervals.

The latest example of this

confusion was the employment data for the first six months of this year. The revised increments of payroll employment, with the originals in brackets are: January plus 361,000; February plus 373,000; March plus 123,000 (plus 103,000); April minus 26,000 (plus 64,000); May plus 356,000 (plus 164,000) and June plus 40,000.

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On what basis, the officials at the Federal Reserve may well ask those in the administration, who are demanding "ease" from the central bank in ever louder terms, do you suggest we make a judgement of what is happening in the economy?

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any attempt to forecast these numbers (or to understand them), something of a lottery.

The data give these annual growth rates for payroll employment: June-December 1989 - 1.926 million a year; December 1989-March 1990 - 3,428 million a year; March-June 1990 - 1,480 million a year. These payroll employment numbers are thus telling us there was a rise of about 70 per cent in the annual growth rate of payroll employment in the March quarter, followed by a drop of nearly 60 per cent in the June quarter annual growth rate.

I would not like to be one of the government statisticians who has to try to convert this picture of steady decline. Factory employment has fallen an average monthly total of 25,000 for the year ended June. In June, factory employment fell another 31,000, according to the employment data released on Friday.

So, we may infer, the industrial sector is contracting. Yet the purchasing managers' monthly survey, released on July 2, revealed that manufacturing output was not contracting but expanding.

The experience of the bond market on Friday - when the long bond fell more than a full point on the employment data - underlines the extreme danger of basing investment decisions (in this case the broad

decision by the Street to "load up" with bonds before the data released on Friday) on "Street estimates" of what seriously flawed official statistics will show.

The Fed does not base its policy actions on such numbers. The Fed governors have made clear that they watch actual price action in leading auction markets. They watch commodity prices, the yield curve, the dollar.

At present, with bonds substantially over-bought and sensitive to the slightest breeze, the Fed would no doubt conclude that any "ease" at this stage could risk a repetition of the debacle in bonds of the first four months of this year, when the bond market shied in fright that the Federal Reserve had overdone the "ease".

Nor are commodities weak: the CRB futures price index is about 235-240; this is not a cause for "ease".

Finally, the dollar is not all that strong; rather, the yen has been weak and now the mark is a bit wobbly.

So, wisely disregarding the employment data, the Fed will no doubt continue to watch its three key "auction market" indicators and conclude it is best to remain in its latest position - sitting on its hands.

Maxwell Newton

New York

## THE TIMES CITY DIARY

### Plag heads for home

THE call of his Scottish homeland has proved too much for Steve Plag, a leading pharmaceutical analyst. Just days after his team at Barclays de Zoete and Waud had ranked top of the health and household goods sector by a wide margin, he has resigned to return to County NatWest WoodMac, the firm where he started his City career. Plag, aged 33, and a trained pharmacist, joined the business publications department at Wood Mackenzie in 1983 and landed a job as an analyst after a chance encounter with Philip Augar, now head of research at County, at the office Christmas party a year later. Augar recalls: "Even though we had both had a few beers, that first time he came up to me and said that he wanted to get into research, I was aware that his ideas were particularly interesting. I have followed his progress closely over the years and he has developed into a great analyst." Plag, who left WoodMac in 1986, then worked for Salomon Brothers and Robert Fleming before moving to BZW with fellow analyst Jonathan de Pass. His decision to leave BZW coincided with his acquisition of a house in Edinburgh and a strong desire to return to his native city. The vacancy at County was created when Jim Cook, the firm's health and household analyst, left six weeks ago to go into the pharmaceutical industry. "I'm

looking forward to returning to Edinburgh, where I have strong family ties," says Plag.

### Tartan team

IN contrast, family ties played a part in Ian McBean's decision to leave County NatWest last autumn. The former whisky and tobacco analyst with Wood Mackenzie, who went on to become head of research at County, left complaining that the strain of commuting between Edinburgh and London had become too much. He wanted to spend more time with his family. But now McBean, aged 45, is back in harness. He has joined the Edinburgh office of Templeton Unit Trust Managers as an investment manager, with special responsibility for establishing research contracts in Britain and the rest of Europe. "I've spent

the last six months playing golf," says McBean, who, in 1987, was the first analyst hired by the fledgling WoodMac. He will be working with Sandy Nairn, aged 29, who joins today from Murray Johnstone, where he has been researching and managing portfolios for four years.

AN old man was reading a book in the garden of a retirement home in Stirling when a fellow resident asked him what he was reading so intently. "I'm just swooning up for my finals," he replied. He was reading the Bible.

### He nose his onions

THE waste industry's problems are enough to make you cry. William Courtney, Southern Water's chairman, presenting full-year results, outlined the steps his company has taken to beat pollution. To sift out dirt one of the Southern's brighter young men hit on a novel method of filtration. "He decided to try an onion bag, the sort he'd seen at Covent Garden (the market, not the Opera House)... and it works." Southern has, Courtney reveals, ordered onion bags in their hundreds.

### Water shortage

MEANWHILE there were red faces at Yorkshire Water, just days after the company announced pre-tax profits of £57.7 million, a healthy 7 per cent above the forecast in its prospectus. In the interests of good publicity, the company has written to 5,000 shareholders seeking their views on

standards of service, and promising a place in a prize draw to those who reply by July 16. But despite the length of the questionnaire,















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## Martina Navratilova lifts ninth singles title at Wimbledon to end the 52-year record of Helen Wills Moody

## Last step into history proves surprisingly easy

By ANDREW LONGMORE, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

A LITTLE 84-year-old lady in Carmel, California, will have felt a bit lighter, maybe even a little sadder, this weekend. After holding the record for the most number of women's singles victories at Wimbledon for the past 52 years, Mrs Helen Wills Moody (née Helen Wills and formerly Helen Wills Moody) lost her place in history on the centre court on Saturday when Martina Navratilova, at the age of 33, beat Zina Garrison 6-4, 6-1 in 75 minutes to take her ninth Wimbledon title.

Navratilova had equalled Wills Moody's record three years ago, but the domination, mental and physical, of Navratilova by Steffi Graf in the last two finals had brought serious doubts about her ability to take the last step.

Graf's absence on Saturday did complicate the emotion of the occasion. With Graf, the young title-holder standing in the way of an ageing champion's finest hour, there could have been only one claimant in the hearts of the crowd. With Garrison on the opposite

## Match facts

M NAVRATILOVA (US) bt Z GARRISON (US), 6-4, 6-1

| First service in (%) | 75 | 67 |
|----------------------|----|----|
| First serve in (%)   | 72 | 57 |
| Double faults        | 0  | 1  |
| Points               | 71 | 51 |
| Games                | 6  | 1  |
| Breaks               | 3  | 0  |
| Low games            | 3  | 0  |
| Points saving        | 38 | 0  |

side of the net, the equation was less straightforward.

Garrison had captured the imagination with her epic victories over Monica Seles and Graf in the previous two rounds and with the humility of her background and her manner. She would have been the first black champion since Althea Gibson. So, two historical forces duelled for control of the centre court and on top of both was grafted the unspoken and very British hope that it would be a "good match".

Well, it was and it wasn't. The tennis hovered just above the mediocre as Garrison struggled to find the inspiration that had taken her to her first grand slam final and

Navratilova went through her serve-and-volley routine for the thousandth time. Garrison took the first five points, but could not master Navratilova's service and was broken decisively in the third game of each set. There were glimpses of her best, but not enough of them to break up the number two seed's emphatic rhythm. There were tantalising glimpses of what the future could hold too.

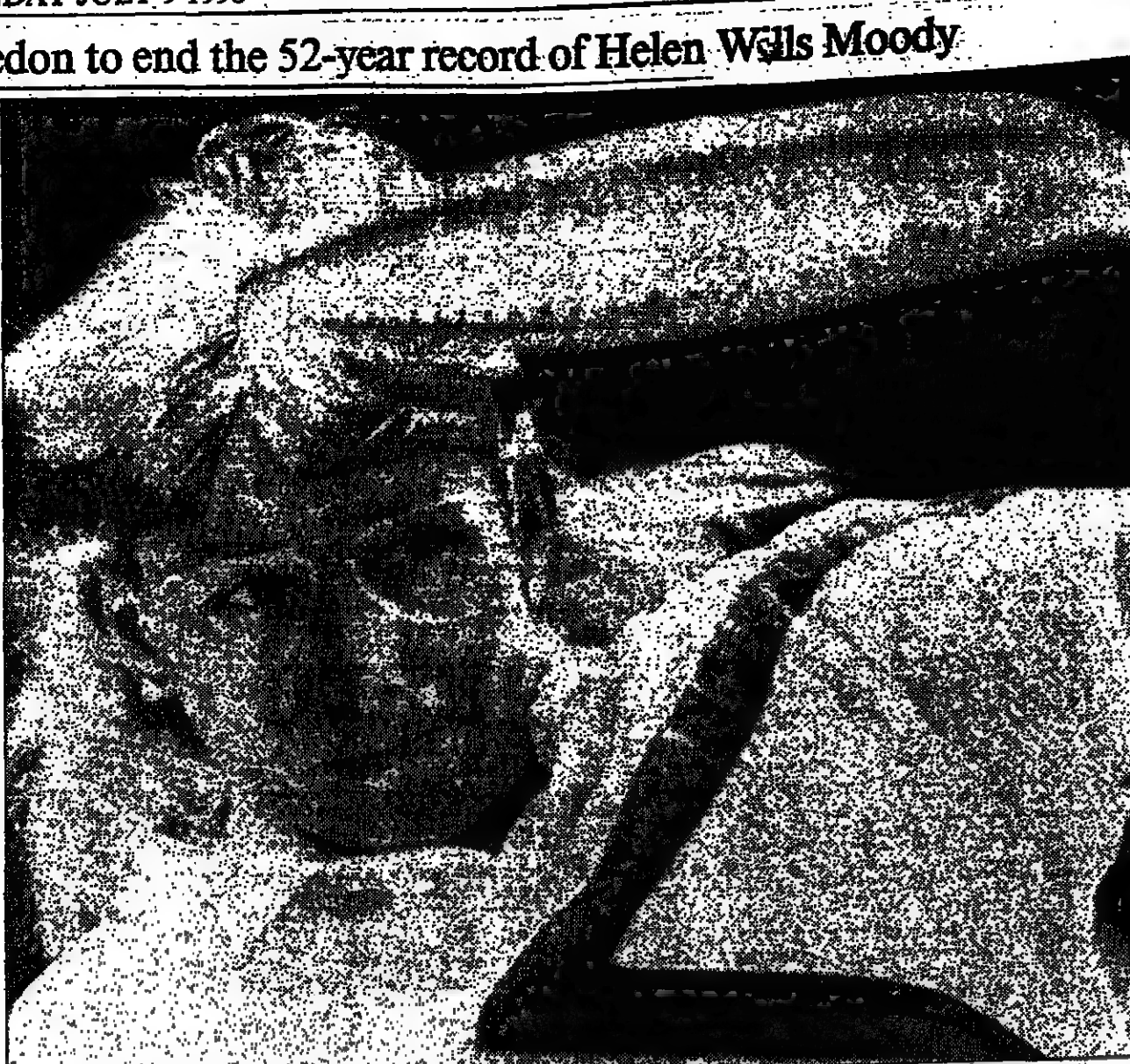
"I believe I'm just starting to be the Zina Garrison I know I can be," she said. "Now I've seen that trophy up close, it's even more exciting. I just couldn't take my eyes off it."

But long after the thread of the match has been lost the final tapestry will live in the memory. As Garrison hit a backhand over the baseline on match point, Navratilova turned to the players' box, both arms raised, and then, as if weighed down by the magnitude of her achievement, sank to her knees at the umpire's chair. Typically, she even did her homework before attempting the climb up to the players' box, a considerably

easier exercise in the new safety conscious centre court than when Pat Cash managed it three years ago. "I first scanned it to make sure I was going to be able to make it," Navratilova said.

There was no such hesitation in describing the moment of victory. "This tops it all because I worked so long and so hard for it. They say good things are worth waiting for and this definitely was," the champion said. "Playing Zina was in some ways easier and some ways tougher. I didn't have to beat Steffi but the pressure would have been off because she is the No. 1. Playing someone you have beaten 27 times out of 28, the pressure is on because I should do it again."

And maybe again. Providing the body holds together, Navratilova will back to defend her title next year. In the meantime, she hopes to meet that little old lady in person. "I was in Carmel a few years ago and I had the itch just to drive by her house, but I didn't want to invade her privacy. I've always wanted to meet her, not just because I've broken her record."



Finest hour: Navratilova on her way to victory against Garrison and her record-breaking achievement

## MEN'S SINGLES: FULL RESULTS

| Seeds in bold type with numbers in brackets | First round | Second round             | Third round                    | Fourth round                   | Quarter-finals        | Semi-finals           | Final              |
|---|-------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| (1) I. LENDL (CZ)                           | 6-4         | LENDL 3-6 6-4 6-3        | LENDL 6-1 6-6 6-0              | LENDL 7-6 6-7 6-4 6-4          | LENDL 3-6 6-4 6-3 6-4 | LENDL 6-4 6-4 6-7 6-3 | EDBERG 6-1 7-6 6-3 |
| C. Maclean (ARG)                            | 6-4         | Hasek 6-3 6-4 6-1        |                                |                                |                       |                       |                    |
| C. Costa (SP)                               | 6-4         | Shelton 7-6 6-7 7-6 6-4  | Shelton 6-7 6-3 6-4 6-4        |                                |                       |                       |                    |
| J. Hasek (SWE)                              | 6-4         | Bruguera 6-7 6-4 6-3 6-1 | 6-4 6-4                        |                                |                       |                       |                    |
| B. Shelton (US)                             | 6-4         | A. Caldeira (BRA)        |                                |                                |                       |                       |                    |
| T. Hogstedt (SWE)                           | 6-4         | C. Picot (GB)            |                                |                                |                       |                       |                    |
| S. Bruguera (ESP)                           | 6-4         | D. Pate (US)             | Pate 3-6 6-2 6-4 6-3           |                                |                       |                       |                    |
| A. Caldeira (BRA)                           | 6-4         | G. Rousset (FRA)         | Rousset 6-3 6-4 7-6 5          | Antonitsch 6-4 6-4 4-7 2       |                       |                       |                    |
| C. Picot (GB)                               | 6-4         | J. Turner (GB)           |                                |                                |                       |                       |                    |
| D. Pate (US)                                | 6-4         | A. Antonitsch (AUS)      | Antonitsch 7-6 6-4 3-6 4-6 5-4 | Antonitsch 3-6 6-4 7-6 3-6 6-3 |                       |                       |                    |
| G. Rousset (FRA)                            | 6-4         | M. Robertson (CAN)       | LECONTE 6-4 6-3 6-3            |                                |                       |                       |                    |
| J. Turner (GB)                              | 6-4         | S. You (AUS)             |                                |                                |                       |                       |                    |
| A. Antonitsch (AUS)                         | 6-4         | (18) R. LECONTE (FRA)    |                                |                                |                       |                       |                    |
| M. Robertson (CAN)                          | 6-4         | (9) J. COURIER (US)      | COURIER 6-1 6-4 6-4            | COURIER 6-2 7-6 6-4            |                       |                       |                    |
| S. You (AUS)                                | 6-4         | M. Kaplan                | Stoltenberg 6-3 7-5 7-5        | Woodbridge 7-5 6-7 7-6 6-4     |                       |                       |                    |
| (18) R. LECONTE (FRA)                       | 6-4         | T. Woodbridge (AUS)      | Rigweld 6-4 7-6 7-5            | Woodford 6-7 6-4 6-4 7-5       | Pearce 6-4 6-4 6-4    |                       |                    |
| (9) J. COURIER (US)                         | 6-4         | J. Stoltenberg (AUS)     | Woodford 7-5 6-2               |                                |                       |                       |                    |
| M. Kaplan                                   | 6-4         | M. Woodhouse (AUS)       | Wohmann 6-4 6-4                |                                |                       |                       |                    |
| T. Woodbridge (AUS)                         | 6-4         | J. Fitzgerald (AUS)      | Snel 6-2 6-7 6-3 6-2           |                                |                       |                       |                    |
| J. Stoltenberg (AUS)                        | 6-4         | M. Woodhouse (AUS)       | Snel 6-7 3-6 7-6 6-3 6-3 6-1   |                                |                       |                       |                    |
| J. Fitzgerald (AUS)                         | 6-4         | B. Pearce (US)           | Pearce 6-3 6-4 6-2 6-3         |                                |                       |                       |                    |
| M. Woodhouse (AUS)                          | 6-4         | R. Botsman (SWE)         | Mitsuka 7-6 6-3 6-4            |                                |                       |                       |                    |
| B. Pearce (US)                              | 6-4         | L. Matz (GER)            |                                |                                |                       |                       |                    |
| R. Botsman (SWE)                            | 6-4         | S. Matuschek (AUS)       |                                |                                |                       |                       |                    |
| L. Matz (GER)                               | 6-4         | S. EDBERG (SWE)          | EDBERG 4-6 6-1 6-3 6-1         | EDBERG 6-2 6-6 6-6 6-2         | EDBERG 6-4 6-3 6-1    |                       |                    |
| S. Matuschek (AUS)                          | 6-4         | C. Campese (ITA)         | Meck 6-4 6-4 6-1               | EDBERG 6-4 6-7 6-5 6-2 6-7     |                       |                       |                    |
| S. EDBERG (SWE)                             | 6-4         | M. Meck (CZ)             | Fromberg 7-6 6-7 4-6 6-1 6-4   | Manarotti 6-4 7-6 6-1          |                       |                       |                    |
| C. Campese (ITA)                            | 6-4         | T. Carbonell (ESP)       | Manarotti 6-1 1-6 5-7 6-3 6-3  |                                |                       |                       |                    |
| M. Meck (CZ)                                | 6-4         | J. Peurisen (FIN)        | Kratzmann 6-2 6-1 6-3          |                                |                       |                       |                    |
| T. Carbonell (ESP)                          | 6-4         | R. Fromberg (AUS)        | Jarryd 6-3 6-6 7-6 7-5         |                                |                       |                       |                    |
| R. Fromberg (AUS)                           | 6-4         | A. Menendez (ARG)        | Pugh 6-3 1-6 5-7 6-3 6-4       | CHANG 3-6 4-6 6-4 6-6 6-2      |                       |                       |                    |
| A. Menendez (ARG)                           | 6-4         | H. Holm (SWE)            | CHANG 5-7 6-4 6-3 7-6          |                                |                       |                       |                    |
| H. Holm (SWE)                               | 6-4         | M. Kozmann (AUS)         | FORSET 6-2 6-1 6-4             | FORSET 3-6 7-5 6-2 4-6 6-5     |                       |                       |                    |
| M. Kozmann (AUS)                            | 6-4         | C. Motta (ITA)           | Jelen 6-3 6-3 6-1              |                                |                       |                       |                    |
| C. Motta (ITA)                              | 6-4         | R. Leach (US)            | Rahman 6-4 6-6 6-1 7-6 6-3     |                                |                       |                       |                    |
| R. Leach (US)                               | 6-4         | A. Jarryd (SWE)          | Stich 6-2 6-3 6-2              |                                |                       |                       |                    |
| A. Jarryd (SWE)                             | 6-4         | J. Gunnarsson (SWE)      | N. Broad 6-4 6-2 7-6           | Bergstrom 6-4 6-3 6-3 7-5      |                       |                       |                    |
| J. Gunnarsson (SWE)                         | 6-4         | J. Pugh (US)             | Bergstrom 4-6 6-3 6-4          |                                |                       |                       |                    |
| J. Pugh (US)                                | 6-4         | J. Altur (COL)           | O. Bergstrom (SWE)             | Bergstrom 7-6 6-4 6-2          |                       |                       |                    |
| J. Altur (COL)                              | 6-4         | (19) M. CHANG (US)       | Widgren 6-4 6-3 6-4            |                                |                       |                       |                    |
| (19) M. CHANG (US)                          | 6-4         | (11) G. FORSET (FRA)     | Jelen 6-3 6-3 6-1              |                                |                       |                       |                    |
| (11) G. FORSET (FRA)                        | 6-4         | L. Widgren (SWE)         | Rahman 6-4 6-6 6-1 7-6 6-3     |                                |                       |                       |                    |
| L. Widgren (SWE)                            | 6-4         | P. Kuhn (WGB)            | Stich 6-2 6-3 6-2              |                                |                       |                       |                    |
| P. Kuhn (WGB)                               | 6-4         | E. Jelen (CZE)           | N. Broad 6-4 6-2 7-6           |                                |                       |                       |                    |
| E. Jelen (CZE)                              | 6-4         | A. Rafanjan (FRA)        | Bergstrom 4-6 6-3 6-4          |                                |                       |                       |                    |
| A. Rafanjan (FRA)                           | 6-4         | S. Eremenko (RUS)        | O. Bergstrom (SWE)             | Bergstrom 7-6 6-4 6-2          |                       |                       |                    |
| S. Eremenko (RUS)                           | 6-4         | M. Stich (GER)           | Widgren 6-4 6-3 6-4            |                                |                       |                       |                    |
| M. Stich (GER)                              | 6-4         | D. Dier (SA)             | Jelen 6-3 6-3 6-1              |                                |                       |                       |                    |
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| N. Broad (SA)                               | 6-4         | L. Duncan (US)           | Stich 6-2 6-3 6-2              |                                |                       |                       |                    |
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| C. Bergstrom (SWE)                          | 6-4         | T. Widgren (SWE)         | Bergstrom 4-6 6-3 6-4          |                                |                       |                       |                    |
| T. Widgren (SWE)                            | 6-4         | M. Pechey (GB)           | Bergstrom 6-4 6-3 6-4          |                                |                       |                       |                    |
| M. Pechey (GB)                              | 6-4         | P. Chombarin (US)        | Grubb 6-2 6-7 7-6 3-6 6-6      |                                |                       |                       |                    |
| P. Chombarin (US)                           | 6-4         | J. Grubb (US)            | Grubb 6-4 6-2 6-2              |                                |                       |                       |                    |
| J. Grubb (US)                               | 6-4         | (8) A. GONZALEZ (ESP)    | Muller 4-6 7-6 7-5 6-3         |                                |                       |                       |                    |
| (8) A. GONZALEZ (ESP)                       | 6-4         | (10) T. NAVATILOVA (US)  | Curran 6-1 6-4 6-1             | Curran 6-2 6-4 6-1 6-7 6-5     |                       |                       |                    |
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| G. Muller (SA)                              | 6-4         | K. Curran (US)           | Ribe 6-7 6-4 6-4 6-7 6-4       |                                |                       |                       |                    |
| K. Curran (US)                              | 6-4         | J. Tarrago (US)          | Jones 6-3 6-4 6-4 6-4          |                                |                       |                       |                    |
| J. Tarrago (US)                             | 6-4         | G. Leyendecker (US)      | Rosset 3-6 5-7 6-3 7-6 6-3     |                                |                       |                       |                    |
| G. Leyendecker (US)                         | 6-4         | J. Rive (US)             | Rosset 7-6 7-6 6-3             |                                |                       |                       |                    |
| J. Rive (US)                                | 6-4         | V. Amrith (IND)          | Volkov 7-6 7-7 6-6 6-1         |                                |                       |                       |                    |
| V. Amrith (IND)                             | 6-4         | K. Jones (US)            | Volkov 7-6 6-4 7-6             |                                |                       |                       |                    |
| K. Jones (US)                               | 6-4         | D. Siegfried (GB)        |                                |                                |                       |                       |                    |
| D. Siegfried (GB)                           | 6-4         | S. Davis (US)            |                                |                                |                       |                       |                    |
| S. Davis (US)                               | 6-4         | M. Rosset (SWE)          |                                |                                |                       |                       |                    |
| M. Rosset (SWE)                             | 6-4         | S. Zvonkovic (YUG)       |                                |                                |                       |                       |                    |
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| A. Volkov (USSR)                            | 6-4         | C. Van Rensburg (SA)     |                                |                                |                       |                       |                    |
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| N. Kroon (SWE)                              | 6-4         | D. Perez (HUN)           |                                |                                |                       |                       |                    |
| D. Perez (HUN)                              | 6-4         | R. Kishen (IND)          |                                |                                |                       |                       |                    |
| R. Kishen (IND)                             | 6-4         | O. Dublanc (FRA)         |                                |                                |                       |                       |                    |
| O. Dublanc (FRA)                            | 6-4         | M. Zocche (WGB)          |                                |                                |                       |                       |                    |
| M. Zocche (WGB)                             | 6-4         | A. Leach (WGB)           |                                |                                |                       |                       |                    |
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| S. Hendricks (YUG)                          | 6-4         | P. Lundgren (SWE)        |                                |                                |                       |                       |                    |
| P. Lundgren (SWE)                           | 6-4         | J. Bates (GB)            |                                |                                |                       |                       |                    |
| J. Bates (GB)                               | 6-4         | D. Rostagno (US)         |                                |                                |                       |                       |                    |
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| (7) S. GILBERT (US)                         | 6-4         | S. Oreser (YUG)          |                                |                                |                       |                       |                    |
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| G. Connell (CAN)                            | 6-4         | D. Visser (SA)           |                                |                                |                       |                       |                    |
| D. Visser (SA)                              | 6-4         | D. Cahill (AUS)          |                                |                                |                       |                       |                    |
| D. Cahill (AUS)                             | 6-4         | M. Wostenholme (CAN)     |                                |                                |                       |                       |                    |
| M. Wostenholme (CAN)                        | 6-4         | T. Nielsen (NED)         |                                |                                |                       |                       |                    |
| T. Nielsen (NED)                            | 6-4         | P. Harnisch (NED)        |                                |                                |                       |                       |                    |
| P. Harnisch (NED)                           | 6-4         | M. Larsson (SWE)         |                                |                                |                       |                       |                    |
| M. Larsson (SWE)                            | 6-4         | D. Whiston (US)          |                                |                                |                       |                       |                    |
| D. Whiston (US)                             | 6-4         | P. Amato (US)            |                                |                                |                       |                       |                    |
| P. Amato (US)                               | 6-4         | L. Shires (US)           |                                |                                |                       |                       |                    |
| L. Shires (US)                              | 6-4         | L. Jansson (SWE)         |                                |                                |                       |                       |                    |
| L. Jansson (SWE)                            | 6-4         | M. Westing (US)          |                                |                                |                       |                       |                    |
| M. Westing (US)                             | 6-4         | F. Santoro (FRA)         |                                |                                |                       |                       |                    |
| F. Santoro (FRA)                            | 6-4         | (14) J. SVENSSON (SWE)   |                                |                                |                       |                       |                    |
| (14) J. SVENSSON (SWE)                      | 6-4         | (15) J. McENROE (US)     |                                |                                |                       |                       |                    |
| (15) J. McENROE (US)                        | 6-4         | (18) Y. KHAM (FRA)       |                                |                                |                       |                       |                    |
| (18) Y. KHAM (FRA)                          | 6-4         | W. Ferreira (SA)         |                                |                                |                       |                       |                    |
| W. Ferreira (SA)                            | 6-4         | M. Stralbe (CZ)          |                                |                                |                       |                       |                    |
| M. Stralbe (CZ)                             | 6-4         | J. Aguilera (ESP)        |                                |                                |                       |                       |                    |
| J. Aguilera (ESP)                           | 6-4         | P. Cash (AUS)            |                                |                                |                       |                       |                    |
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| N. Brown (GB)                               | 6-4         | J. Anderson (AUS)        |                                |                                |                       |                       |                    |
| J. Anderson (AUS)                           | 6-4         | D. Goldie (US)           |                                |                                |                       |                       |                    |
| D. Goldie (US)                              | 6-4         | R. Kok (NED)             |                                |                                |                       |                       |                    |
| R. Kok (NED)                                | 6-4         | K. Flach (US)            |                                |                                |                       |                       |                    |
| K. Flach (US)                               | 6-4         | M. Schapman (NED)        |                                |                                |                       |                       |                    |
| M. Schapman (NED)                           | 6-4         | W. Masur (AUS)           |                                |                                |                       |                       |                    |
| W. Masur (AUS)                              | 6-4         | A. Cherkasov (USSR)      |                                |                                |                       |                       |                    |
| A. Cherkasov (USSR)                         | 6-4         | L. Herrera (ESP)         |                                |                                |                       |                       |                    |
| L. Herrera (ESP)                            | 6-4         | (2) J. BECKER (GER)      |                                |                                |                       |                       |                    |
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## CYCLING

# Ludwig takes sprint stage but Bauer's lead in Tour intact

From JOHN WILCOCKSON in BESANCON

OLAF Ludwig, the Olympic road race gold medal winner in Seoul two years ago, became the first East German to win a stage of the Tour de France when he outspun 12 other riders at the end of the eighth stage yesterday. Already the leader of the race on points, and wearing the coveted green jersey, Ludwig joined the leading group on the fast descent into Besancon, five miles from the finish.

Some of the other riders in the group tried to break clear on the tricky run-in, that criss-crosses the River Dube four times. But Ludwig and his Panasonic colleague, Eric Leclercq, were able to neutralise all these attacks, and the big East German easily raced through to win the uphill sprint from the Belgian, Johan Museeuw, with Ron Kiefel, of the United States, in third.

The stage, which had been marked by a 75-mile long solo

breakaway by Michel Vermeir of Belgium, did nothing to change the overall standings. Steve Bauer is still in the yellow jersey, that he retained by 17 seconds over Ronan Pensec, of France, in the crucial time trial stage on Saturday.

That stage went to the Mexican, Raul Alcalá, who proved that he has a very fine chance of winning this tour. Alcalá was a little-known amateur rider when he was signed as a professional with the American 7-Eleven team in May 1986. Six weeks later, he started in his first European race, the Tour de France. He finished 114th but assimilated the mood of the race and acquired an ambition to win it.

He has since finished ninth, three years ago, and eighth last year; but the day when he wins the Tour came much closer to realisation on Saturday when he won the 38-mile time trial

from Vitte to Epinal almost 90 seconds ahead of Miguel Indurain of Spain and more than two minutes ahead of the principal race favourite, Greg LeMond, of the United States. Both LeMond and Alcalá raced near the end of the afternoon, when earlier showers had developed into persistent cold rain, which made the frequent turns and descents particularly treacherous. The British rider, Sean Yates was one who crashed, while his Canadian team-mate Bauer also came close to falling on the hair-pinned drop into Epinal.

Indurain, Gianni Bugno, of Italy, and Pedro Delgado, of Spain — the others who beat LeMond — all had dry, safer conditions in which to tackle the challenging course, that rolled its way along hilly byways in the Vosges.

LeMond admitted that he made a mistake by starting his time trial too slowly, and was perhaps too cautious on the turns; but his effort moved him up into seventh place overall.

RESULTS: Seventh stage (91.50m time trial, Vitte to Epinal): 1. R. Alcalá (Mex), 17m 57s; 2. M. Indurain (Esp), 18m 10s; 3. G. LeMond (US), 21m 11s; 4. J. Bugno (Ita), 21m 12s; 5. G. LeMond (US), 21m 13s; 6. J. Bugno (Ita), 21m 14s; 7. G. LeMond (US), 21m 15s; 8. J. Bugno (Ita), 21m 16s; 9. G. LeMond (US), 21m 17s; 10. J. Bugno (Ita), 21m 18s; 11. G. LeMond (US), 21m 19s; 12. J. Bugno (Ita), 21m 20s; 13. G. LeMond (US), 21m 21s; 14. J. Bugno (Ita), 21m 22s; 15. G. LeMond (US), 21m 23s; 16. J. Bugno (Ita), 21m 24s; 17. G. LeMond (US), 21m 25s; 18. J. Bugno (Ita), 21m 26s; 19. G. LeMond (US), 21m 27s; 20. J. Bugno (Ita), 21m 28s; 21. G. LeMond (US), 21m 29s; 22. J. Bugno (Ita), 21m 30s; 23. G. LeMond (US), 21m 31s; 24. J. Bugno (Ita), 21m 32s; 25. G. LeMond (US), 21m 33s; 26. J. Bugno (Ita), 21m 34s; 27. G. LeMond (US), 21m 35s; 28. J. Bugno (Ita), 21m 36s; 29. G. LeMond (US), 21m 37s; 30. J. Bugno (Ita), 21m 38s; 31. G. LeMond (US), 21m 39s; 32. J. Bugno (Ita), 21m 40s; 33. G. 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(F) P Cole 3-9-10 ..... T Gelson 5  
A Scott 3-8-6 ..... B Raymond 8  
AGE 23 (S) C Nelson 4-8-8 ..... J Reid 12  
NICE 14 R Hannon 3-9-5 ..... Pat Eldredy 3  
G Harwood 3-9-2 ..... R Cochrane 4  
RATION 9 B Milman 4-8-9 A Whitball 1  
10 (C) G. 3 ..... G Wardwell 2  
13S (D) R Alenuret 4-8-2 ..... S O'Garraun (B) 7  
(B) C Benstead 4-8-1 ..... W Carson 14  
Jenkins 4-8-0 ..... D Holland (7) 13  
7 R Alkshurst 4-7-12 ..... M Adams 8  
paramineux, 5-1 Gin And Orange, 6-1  
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**MAKES (2-Y-O: £2,954: 6f) (10)**

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| 10 18 (5) D Elsworth 9-9       | 5 Cuthbert 8     |
| ES 3 (3D,F,G,S) W O'Gorman 8-9 |                  |
| (D,F) M Usher 9-4              | A Munro 4        |
|                                | J Reid 7         |
| LOHIE R Hammon 8-11            | A McGlone 3      |
| Endors 8-11                    | D Holland (7) 10 |
| E R Hammon 8-11                | Past Eddery 2    |
| ER B Gubby 8-11                | J Williams 8     |
| plons 8-11                     | R Cochrane 9     |
| James 8-11                     | T Quinn 7        |

**ANDICAP (£3,850: 1m 70yd)**

7 O'Gorman 4-10-0..... A Muzzo 2  
3 R Charlton 4-9-5..... Pat Eddery 5  
12 (B,CD,F,G) D Elsworth 7-9-1  
J Hantler (5) 6  
19 (D,S) C Nelson 4-8-11..... J Reid 8

30 (D,F,G) M Tompkins 4-8-11  
 R Cochrane 1  
 M Stouts 3-8-6 \_\_\_\_\_ W R Swinburn 3  
 OR 21 (B,C,EF,F,G) J Sutcliffe 5-8-6  
 W Carson 10  
 EST 10 (5) P Mitchell 4-5-5 M Roberts 5  
 21 (D,F) P Cole 4-8-5 T Quinn 12  
 F,G,S) J Jenkins 8-8-4 \_\_\_\_\_ D Holland (7) 7  
 G (C,D,S) K Ivory 5-7-8 (Sex)  
 G Bardwell 11  
 E 53J R Alshurst 4-7-7 \_\_\_\_\_ N Adams 4  
 se The Door, 5-1 Mizzag, 6-1 Rosenda  
 icht, 8-1 Swing Lucky, 10-1 others.

**MAKES (F2,970: 1m 21 22yd) (14)**

|                             |     |                |
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| Training 4-9-4              | —   | 4              |
| P 3 C B Barnstead 5-9-4     | ... | B Raymond 1    |
| 3 13 J Long 4-9-4           | ... | N Charlie 3    |
| 26 Mrs J Piman 4-9-4        | ... | T Williams 2   |
| F,G,S J Davies 6-9-4        | ... | S Dawson 6     |
| 21 C C Austin 4-8-13        | ... | R Price (B) 11 |
| OCKING 451 J Hallett 5-8-13 | ... |                |
|                             |     | N Adams 13     |
| TAN J White 3-8-7           | ... | J Williams 6   |
| A Stewart 3-8-7             | ... | M Roberts 7    |
| 51 P Cole 3-8-7             | ... | T Quinn 10     |

**KES (22,970: 1m 21 22yd) (14)**

|                                    |                   |
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| Patting 4-4-4                      | N Crestle 9       |
| 1 N S Barwood 5-0-4                | 2 R Reynard 10    |
| 1 13 J Loran 4-0-4                 | N Crestle 9       |
| 26 Mrs J Piman 4-0-4               | 2 Williams 20     |
| 13 J G Davis 0-0-4                 | 3 Oliver 50       |
| 1 (C Austin) 4-0-4                 | 4 J G Davis 0-0-4 |
| <b>COCKING 6.5.1 Heston 5-0-13</b> | <b>21</b>         |
|                                    | N Adams 13        |
| 1 All J White 3-0-7                | J Williams 6      |
| 1 13 J Loran 4-0-4                 | 2 Williams 20     |
| 1 P Cole 3-0-7                     | 2 Cullen 10       |
| <b>POUSE 7.0 R Boss 3-0-7</b>      |                   |
|                                    | Dale Gibson 31    |
| 1 (Mrs R Creston) 3-0-7            | 2 P Cole 3-0-7    |
| 1 G Harwood 3-0-2                  | R Eckstone 15     |
| 1 Barton 3-0-1                     | 3 Reynard 20      |

**Sunderland, 5-1. Lucky Again, 5-1. Field House, Parnan North, 16-1 others.**

**H FOODS HANDICAP (24,012:**

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| 12 D.F.G. M Franco 5-0-10 | C Rastler 19 |
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10 (P) R B Ross 3-8-7      Date October (3) 12  
 11 (P) R Claverdon 3-8-7      Date October 12  
 12 (P) G Harwood 3-8-2      R Cockstone 5  
 13      3-8-2      S Rayncourt 9  
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CE 3 (D,O,F,S,B) Q Chapman 9-9-3  
J Farnham (3) B  
(30) M McIsbark 4-8-0-5 Q Carter 7  
(30) D,M,S 4-8-0-5  
STAFFORD (F,D,F,S,B) K McCauley  
5-9-11 (Final) J Lowe 2  
RE 16 (F,S) W Perry 4-8-7  
RE 16 (F,S) J Barry 4-8-6 Q Conley 3  
K Doran 12  
(30) D,M H Esterday 3-8-6 M Birch 13  
(30) D,M,S 3-8-6 — 11  
MUSIC 12 (D,F,S,B) S Byron 11  
Q Duffield 8  
Q Brennan 5-9-3  
M S 9 (F,S,B) M Strain 3-7-11  
M S 9 (F,S,B) J Wainwright (7) S  
Birth of Watford, 9-2 Henry Hunt, 5-1 So  
Re, 9-1 Our Fan, 12-1 Others

R STRLAND HANDICAP (3-Y-  
O) (7) (7)

25 D B Hills 9-7  
CE 5 (D,F) R Hollingshead 5-6-6 S Parks 4  
CE 5 (D,F) S 5-6-6  
W Haines 8-11  
M Francis 8-11 — Paul Edworthy

O Brennan 5-5-3      A Cullen 1-1-1  
 M Smith 3-7-1      M Smith 3-7-1  
 (7)      (7)

North of Watford, 9-2 Henry WM, 5-1 So  
 9-1 Our Fan, 121 others.

**R STELRAD HANDICAP (3-Y-  
 (7))**

25 B H 3-7-1      M Hille 5-5-3  
 (6) (6) R Hollingshead 5-6-5      S Parke 4-4-1  
 M Smith 3-7-1      A Cullen 1-1-1  
 W Hastings 3-6-1      S Dean McCoombe 2-2-2  
 M French 8-1-1      P Bell Eddery 6-6-6  
 (1) (1) S Morden 8-1-1      J Parnell 6-6-6  
 (1) (1) R Smith 8-1-1      A Cullen 1-1-1  
 Pursuit, 4-1 Horn Player, 5-1 Beas  
 1-4 Derby City, 16-1 Cost Effective.

**WATER GRUNDFOOS PUMPS**  
 1m (1)

13 (13) J Wharton 4-4-10, M Birch 9-9-9  
 (6) (6) R Whitaker 4-4-12, A Cullen 2-2-2  
 (1) (1) A Grier 5-5-1, A Grier 5-5-1  
 M Hille 5-5-1, S Dean McCoombe 2-2-2  
 M Hille 5-5-1, S Dean McCoombe 2-2-2  
 M Hille 5-5-1, S Dean McCoombe 2-2-2

**WINTER GRUNDFOOS PUMPS**  
**1m (14)**  
 13 (D,F) J Wharton 4-4-10... M Birch 9  
 7 (D,G) R Whelan 4-8-12... A Cullane 7  
 10 (D) T Gorman 4-9-11... J O'Sullivan 10  
 11 (D) M Hall 4-9-11... K Fallon 6  
 12 (D) S Mee 4-9-11... E Johnson 13  
 14 (D) E Wynne 5-5-11... D MacDon 10  
 15 (D) M O'Sullivan 4-9-11... M O'D 9  
 16 (D) A Naughton 4-8-11... J Farnham 10  
 17 (D) J Gans 3-8-11... C Butler 4  
 18 (D) R P. Bessiman 5-8-11... P Gentry 12  
 19 (D) J. Gentry 3-7-12... J. Gentry 12  
 20 (D) G Rios 3-7-9... R Stowell 11  
 21 (D) T (D,S) K McCauley 5-7-9... J Lowe 6  
 22 (D) J. Meeke 6-7-9... G Hild 13 (D) 3  
 23 (D) S. Bessy 3-7... B Bessy 3-7 13-2  
 24 (D) V. Lory 12th, 12-13th

**WINDY STAKES (12,2394: 1m 1f)**  
 O'Sullivan 4-5-11... A Cullane 7

1 Naughton 4-4-1 ..... J Fortune (C) 7  
 2 Gains 3-3-1 ..... C Butler 4  
 3 (P) R R Bestman 5-8-0 ..... P Skerle 11  
 4 L 98 M in Stakes 3-3-1 ..... G Carter 3  
 5 G Ross 3-7-1 ..... R Stone 12  
 6 (H) T D MacCallister 5-9-1 ..... J Lowe 6  
 7 J Moline 6-7-7 ..... G Hills (C) 14  
 8 Cherry Boy, 5-1, Beauty Boy, 13-2  
 9 Victory Torch, 2-1, 12 others.  
**10 DEN STAKES (£2,394: 1m 1f)**  
 1 O'Leary 4-4-1 ..... A Callaghan 7  
 2 E Wynne 3-5-10 ..... Dean McCann 1  
 3 L 100 M in Stakes 3-3-1 ..... H Mills 2  
**11 (P) L Current 3-5-10**  
 1 L Duffell 6  
 2 J Gordon 3-8-10 ..... Paul Eddowes 4  
 3 (P) R Hand 3-8-10 ..... J Call 4  
 4 Cator 3-5-10 ..... W Wynnes 5  
 5 1 Cash Point, 4-1 Edward Seymour,  
 6 City, 14-1 Hazel Mill, 20-1 Younger.

## Flat leaders

### TRAINERS

|       | 74 | 82 | 47 | 40 | 1 | 2nd     |
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| 20    | 34 | 18 | 22 | 0  | 0 | -37.80  |
| 34    | 34 | 18 | 33 | 3  | 3 | -3.30   |
| 33    | 34 | 24 | 34 | 0  | 0 | -54.74  |
| 30    | 38 | 29 | 29 | 0  | 0 | -134.87 |
| 30    | 5  | 20 | 1  | 0  | 0 | -11.05  |
| 30    | 15 | 14 | 1  | 0  | 0 | -10.69  |

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England well placed to beat New Zealand in third Test match and take series for first time since 1985

# The day belongs to Hemmings

By ALAN LEE  
CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

EDGBASTON (third day of five): England have a first-innings lead of 186 runs over New Zealand

IN TWO hours on Saturday evening, Eddie Hemmings achieved all that had been beyond him in eight preceding years. His six wickets for 33 runs bowled England to a position where New Zealand can be beaten and a home series won for the first time since 1985. But there was more, much more than that.

For Hemmings, this was belated vindication. At the age of 41 and after a Test career of 19 expensive wickets and much meteoric mediocrity, it was a revelation to those of us convinced he did not have it in him to attack and, if it was done in the precarious fashion of a condemned man granted a last wish, all the more credit to him. His wickets were taken by classical spin bowling. Three men were caught close to the wicket, playing passively against the turning ball; two were out to the "arm" ball which drifts and holds its course; finally, Morrison drove speculatively at a ball which turned inside the bat to bowl him.

New Zealand, bothered all day by fear of the follow-on, avoided it by only 13 runs. They lost their last seven wickets for 88 and unless they rapidly brush up their technique against spin they may easily be facing defeat some time tomorrow.

It was another day on which Graham Gooch's quietly certain touch turned gravel to gold. This has been his year and this has been the look of his match. His batting camouflage a crippled middle order. His captaincy was several times open to argument but in each case he won the debate hands down.

The four-bowler system, of which the captain is a supporter, served England well in the Caribbean but its weakness can be that there is no room for a shock bowler; everyone has to do his manly share.

Malcolm would ideally be used as a sledgehammer rather than a remarkably persistent woodpecker and yet, like that indefatigable bird, he just keeps firing away until the holes are made. Gooch gave him 12 overs before lunch and another nine later. He bowled fast and willingly, the short ball predominant and generally poorly handled by the batsmen.

Wright was entitled to be mortified after following a short, wide one. Jones took the view that macho bowling demanded a macho response; discretion had no part in his approach, every short ball was there to be hit, and the predictable outcome was a gloved catch to the wicketkeeper.

Those who arrived late in the hope of having missed the dubious privilege of a Franklin innings were out of luck and, for New Zealand, it was just as well. Despite being put down by Atherton, at slip, and being all but bowled by Malcolm, the stoical snail was as effective as ever. This time, he stayed 4½ hours for 66, while the stroke players came and went.

Crowe had to be given out



End of a long day: Franklin, the New Zealand opener, is dismissed after a stay of four-and-a-half hours, caught by Smith at silly point

twice by umpire Meyer, so reluctant was he to view the verdict on Lewis's appeal for his first Test wicket. Greatbatch played pleasantly enough, dominating the scoring while Franklin heaved long hops from Atherton straight to fielders.

At 151 for three, danger was receding for the touring team and Gooch chose the moment for Malcolm to return. Thundering in from his distant mark, a run-up used to advance

and not simply for effect. Enever, before Saturday, had he taken even four wickets in a Test innings and although he makes the valid point that security helps, and this is the first time he has played three consecutive Tests, more pertinent still is the captain's view of the spin bowler.

Slow bowlers are now asked to contain, within a Test theory which says you must ensure the opposition cannot win before you think of winning yourself. The fallacy, of course, is that more often than not such attritional tactics ensure that no one can win. Hemmings estimates this was only the third time he has been encouraged to attack. He bowled slower, adjusting his line towards off stump. It was a treat to observe; much more of it, when Gooch declares today, and there is a danger that a Test might be won by spin.

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## Leading bat

Viv Richards, in his first season with Glamorgan, has won the Britannia Assurance/Sunday Express player of the month award for June. Middlesex took the team of the month prize.

In June, Richards scored 371 runs, averaging 61.83, with two centuries. Middlesex won three out of five matches and gained 78 points to move from fifth place to lead the Britannia Assurance championship.

## Courtney chosen

The World Cup football referee, Courtney, has been appointed for the FA Charity Shield game between Liverpool and Manchester United at Wembley on August 18.

## Amiable Malcolm is still an enigma

By JOHN WOODCOCK

WHEN a bowler in the prime of his cricketing life claims 30 wickets in his first seven-and-a-half Test matches and is capable of accurate pace, it should be possible to have a very fair idea of where he is going. I confess to being somewhat baffled by Devon Malcolm.

There has never been any doubt about his speed. I remember going to Hove on a Monday two years ago, when Derbyshire were playing there, and being told by Ian Gould, then the Sussex captain, that on the Saturday he had batted against the fastest bowler he had ever faced, a bespectacled and seemingly unco-ordinated fellow by the name of Malcolm.

Like a wild horse, Malcolm still had to be lassoed and broken into work. That has now happened. He has become economical without losing the element of unpredictability essential to a fast bowler. I see a danger, not so much in Malcolm as in some of the others, of their becoming slaves to the "corridor", a narrow lane in the outfield outside the off stump. Important as accuracy is, the batsman still needs to be kept guessing.

Yet Malcolm fits into none of the traditional categories. He neither bowls as a fast bowler, nor gliding in like Michael Holding, nor sprinting in like Malcolm Marshall. There is no sudden build-up of awesome catapultic power, as there was with Jeff Thomson. He lacks the rhythm that was the God-given gift of Fred Trueman and Ray Lindwall, and there is none of the

primal straining and stretching which were features of Frank Tyson's bowling.

Peter May used to say that when he was facing Hall he preferred to look down for as long as he could, for fear of being unnerved by the whirlwind that he could hear approaching. Malcolm, on the other hand, is characteristically thoughtful for a morning hack in Rotten Row - high-stepping and easy-going. He looks more as though he is loosening up than bent on lethal business. Even so, Malcolm keeps knocking the batsman's bat back. Having lulled them into thinking what an amiable creature he is, he heads his ball that little bit more and they are late in the stroke. His change of pace is an invaluable asset. In the same way that I may have underrated him, so, perhaps, do the batsmen.

Like most modern fast bowlers whose chief, often only weapon, is intimidation, Malcolm's stock length is short. In that he seldom bowls at the stumps, he is characteristically West Indian. He is encouraged to bowl as if he still lived in, and played for, Jamaica. This is England's way of keeping up with the West Indians, though it is a game which we shall have to out-guess by the time we are out-guessed by the Indians in a week or two's time? To become the talk of Australia next winter, as England fight to get the Ashes back? As a West Indian playing for England, who appears to mind when he hurts a batsman, he is unique.

## Middlesex pay a heavy price for lapses in the field

By MARCUS WILLIAMS

LORD'S (Middlesex won toss): Somerset (455) beat Middlesex by 34 runs

MIDDLESEX had their lead in the Refuge Assurance League cut to four points when they were outplayed in all departments by Somerset yesterday. It was their second defeat in the competition after six successive wins.

On a summer's afternoon at last worthy of the name, Middlesex paid dearly for missing Cook (58) and Tavaré (72 not-out), and then Somerset bowled and fielded more impressively to leave Middlesex, who have never won the Sunday League since, in vain pursuit of 249 for victory. Haynes scored 82 off 87 balls, but none of the other batsmen played a significant part.

Somerset's innings was a tale of two partnerships. Cook and Bartlett laid the foundations with 116 for the first wicket, and then Tavaré and Harden put on an unbroken 105 for the third wicket off only 12 overs. Having failed on his only previous appearance at headquarters, Cook will have been pleased to make his mark here.

Bartlett struck the ball well and beat Cook to the half-century, but just as the partnership was threatening to cut loose, Bartlett was caught by Gating at long-on. Cook was yorked at 143, a deserved wicket for Williams, who beat the bat

regularly in both spells and had Cook dropped, when six, a hard chance low to Fairbrace's right.

Although Butcher patrolled the long Tavern side boundary with his usual alertness, Middlesex's fielding lacked its recent sharpness, and when Haynes, at extra cover, surprisingly dropped a high, swirling chance offered by Tavaré, when he was away.

Tavaré worked the ball powerfully through the leg side for his third successive Sunday fifty, and Harden provided robust support.

Roseberry, pulling his first ball from Rose, for six, gave the hope to home supporters in the south over, though he had his bats trimmed by Maltender, who with Hayhurst bowled too straight and to too restrictive a length for the liberties Middlesex were eventually forced to take.

## Derbyshire secure success in last over

By RICHARD STREETON

OLD TRAFFORD (Lancashire won toss): Derbyshire (455) beat Lancashire by five runs

DERBYSHIRE tightened their hold on second place behind Middlesex in the Refuge Assurance League yesterday with a narrow win, completed off the fifth ball of the last over. Lancashire found a target of 250 beyond reach in poor light and suffered a defeat which badly dented their own challenge in the competition.

For a long time Lancashire maintained the necessary run-rate, but they kept losing wickets as Baze and Kuiper, the South African, gained the upper hand. Derbyshire were unfortunate that they had to reshuffle their batting order when Fowler had to have traction between innings after sustaining his back.

By the time Fowler came in at No. 5, Lancashire had lost three wickets cheaply. Mendis was in full flow and as long as he stayed, Lancashire had cause to be optimistic. Mendis skied a high catch to mid-off at 134 in the 24th over and Fowler was left to carry the main responsibility.

Heresford splendidly, and the score was 203 when he was eighth out, leg-before to Warner. When Australia fell in the next over, Hughes and Mott were left to make 43 in five overs for victory. Several judicious hits

and numerous scuffed singles left 15 wanted from the last over. It came to a service from two balls before Allan was run out.

Derbyshire threatened an even larger score than they achieved when they reached 175 in the 31st over before losing their second wicket. The latter batsmen, however, were addomable to accelerate as much as they would have wished.

Barnett and Bowler made a telling riposte after Derbyshire were put in by sharing an opening stand of 108 in 21 overs. This was the sixth time that Barnett has passed 50 in the competition this season: a mixture of orthodox and 'improved' strokes once again made him a difficult man to contain.

Watkinson separated the pair when Bowler hit across the line and was caught at mid-on. Morris's arrival raised the run-rate, higher still. He lifted a ball from Wasim Akram into the pavilion at midwicket for six, and continued to drive and pull with power and timing.

Barnett had hit eight fours when he was caught at long-off. Morris went on to reach 50 from 36 balls, with a six and six fours, before DeFreitas slowed the tempo with a series of drives in the same over. Morris was caught at mid-wicket and Kuiper at mid-off.

## Gower steals the day

By IVO TENNANT

IT WAS quite a day for David Gower. Awarded his county by Mark Nicholas, who was not well enough to play, he was made captain of Hampshire for their Refuge Assurance League match against Essex. Not content with that, he scored 66, took four catches and held his side to a seven-wicket win.

In spite of being without five first-team bowlers, Worcestershire made short work of defeating Gloucestershire. This was owing largely to another century partnership between Curtis and Hick. Curtis finished with an unbeaten 93, and Hick made 67.

There was a 61-run victory for Yorkshire over Northamptonshire. Robinson, Mottisall and Hartley making half-centuries, Nottinghamshire beat Sussex by eight runs in a high-scoring match. Johnson marked 104. Alan Wells made 98 in reply.

In the Oval, where Surrey defeated Warwickshire, David Constant was back in the news. Owing to a stomach upset, Geoff Arnold, Surrey's coach, stood in for him as the square-leg umpire. Here, Darren Ricknell, Bullen and Ward were awarded their county caps: all were out for ducks.

## SATURDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

### Britannia Assurance county championship

#### Notts v Sussex

TRINITY BRIDGE (first day of three): Nottinghamshire won toss; Sussex have scored 219 for two wickets against Nottinghamshire.

**SUSSEX:** First Innings  
N J Latham c French b Pick 95  
J Gail not out 95  
A P Wells c French b Pick 4  
A P Wells c French b Pick 4  
M P Spangish b Pick 55  
M P Spangish b Pick 55  
AIC Doodenath not out 5  
Extras (5 wks, 30 runs) 219  
A C Segan, JP Moore, J K Salisbury and R A Burnham to bat.

**FALL OF WICKETS:** 1-0, 2-4, 3-48, 4-135, 5-146.

**NOTTINGHAMSHIRE:** B C Broad, M Newell, R T Robinson, P Johnson, D W Randall, RB N French, R P Evans, R E Cooper, R A Pick, K Saeed, J A Atherton. Bonus points: Lancashire 2, Sussex 4.

Umpires: H D Bird and K E Palmer.

### Lancashire v Derby

LIVERPOOL (first day of three): Lancashire won toss; Lancashire have scored 319 for eight wickets against Derbyshire.

**LANCASHIRE:** First Innings  
G D Mendis c Kuiper b Baze 19  
G Fowler c Roberts b Jean Jacques 17  
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Extras (10 wks, 30 runs) 319

**DERBYSHIRE:** First Innings  
M Watson b Kuiper 16  
P J DeFreitas c Goldsmith b Kuiper 16  
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